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ALICEL HAS A XMAS PROGRAM

(Special to The Observer)
ALICEL, Dec. 28.—The following program was given at the church Friday evening to a large crowd: Scripture, Second Matthews, Mrs. Luther Turner; Invocation, Rev. Lines; Song, Audience; Recitations, Gladys Stewart, Thomas Wallinger; Vocal Solo, Paul Knautz; Recitations, Claud Stewart, Clarence Berry; Song, Intermediate and Primary scholars; Recitations, Melvin Guhlman, Pearl Stewart, Lyle Ledbetter, Reuben Willis; Santa Claus Song, Primary pupils; Reading, Mrs. W. T. Wallinger; Recitations, Marvin Kuhn, Vera Case; Song, Intermediate and Primary; Dialogue, Clark Ruckman and Cleland Wallinger; Exercise, Five Beginners; Recitations, Elda Berry, Homer Case; Song, Genevieve Adler; Recitation, Merthin Berry; Miracle Play of the Nativity; Recitation, Howard Kuhn; Duet, Mrs. Ray Fuller, Mrs.

Will Adler; Recitations, Vergil Kuhn, Melvia Buchanan.
The miracle plays were first given by the monks and priests as a method of teaching Bible history to the common people, who could not read. They finally became corrupted by the actors so were forbidden by the church, with the exception of the Passion Play, which was presented every ten years in Bavaria. This play was for the purpose of showing how the birth of Christ was taught in olden days. The characters were all between the ages of 10 and 15 as follows: Mary, Monica Rubl; Joseph, Elmer Case; Angels, Melvia Buchanan, Marie Ledbetter, Vera Case, Pearl Stewart, Francis McKennon and Gladys Stewart; Shepherds, Reuben Willis, Clarence Berry, Thomas Wallinger, Claud Stewart and Lyle Ledbetter; Wise Men, Wayne Welch, Melvin Guhlman and Russell McKennon. The choir was composed of grown people.

Ruby and Eva Ledbetter arrived home from Salem Friday to spend the holidays with their parents.
Kathleen Stewart is home from Union for the holidays.
Eula Watkins, teacher in the

Union schools, is spending a week with her parents in Alice.
Harold Wallinger returned Sunday from Red Oak, Iowa.
Carl Friewald is spending the holidays with his mother. He is a student at Hills Military academy, Portland, Ore.
Giles Van Housen and family of Union spent Sunday with Mr. Van Housen's parents.
The A. L. Taylor family spent Sunday with Mrs. J. N. Smith.
Mr. and Mrs. Paul Knautz spent Christmas with Mr. Knautz' brother in La Grande.
Mrs. Walker and sons Clarence and Ray Keown of Imbler, spent Sunday in Alice with the Archie Keown family.

JOSEPH PEOPLE HOME FOR XMAS

(Special to The Observer)
JOSEPH, Dec. 29.—At no other time of year is there such a home coming scramble as at Christmas—the day with its beautiful message of "Peace on Earth, Good Will to Men," which has made the home ties more sacred and secure. The day when we hark back to childhood and live over again the wonders of the first Christmas we remember. Sometimes there was only a bit of red ribbon on a wonderful golden orange to mark the day. Others have the recollection of wonderful toys—a fairy land of stores and a gorgeous tree in a brilliant church with an almost unbelievable Santa Claus. And always the day means "home again." This year, when "hard times" were hovering, black-winged, everywhere the home coming spirit seemed stronger than ever.
Among those coming to Joseph for the holidays were: Mrs. Gordon and Josephine Bondan of Baker and Ellen Bondan of Salem, all at the Bondans; Mr. and Mrs. Oakley Burrough and children of Ontario, at Geo. Tucker's; Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Reams of Joseph Creek at Jno Blevins'; Geo. Solady with his family, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Graham of Minam at John Guyan's; Mr. and Mrs. Roy McCully, of Cam-

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bridge, Idaho, and Miss Lucille Dunbar, of La Grande at F. D. McCully's; Clarence Carpenter, of Oregon City at Harry Carpenter's, and Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Ryan, of Pendleton, at H. Cole's. Others from out of town spending Christmas in Joseph are Miss Elliot of La Grande at Max Wilson's and Mrs. Myrtle Mount, of Pullman, Wash., at Mrs. T. H. Morelock's.
Those leaving Joseph for their homes were Miss Beach, to Union, and Miss Noregaard to Baker; Miss Holmes to Lostine; the Spray family to their one-time home in Union; Mr. and Mrs. Arnel Huffman to Sunny-side, Wash., to visit the John Graves family, and Lena and Eunice Scott, who went to Marr Plat with their cousin, Alice Huffman, who has been attending school in Joseph.
There were Christmas trees and Christmas good times all over the school house and also a Sunday school Christmas tree with a program by the kiddies.
The Entre Nous Club had a Christmas program with Christmas carols for music and a study of "Bible Women" for a lesson, in which Mrs. W. C. Wilson gave a brief sketch of several of the more noted Bible women of the Old Testament, an Mrs. F. F. McCully gave, in more detail, something about four of the foremost women of the New Testament, in the persons of Mary Magdalene, Mary and Martha and Mary, the mother of Jesus.
The weather has been unusually mild and pleasant with but little snow—a more pleasant winter than we have had before in years.

AMBASSADOR SELECTED.
(By Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 28.—President Harding has made his selection an ambassador to Belgium to succeed Brand Whitlock, and has presented the name to Brussels for approval, it was reported today.
Henry P. Fletcher, under secretary of state, has been mentioned unofficially as the likely one for the appointment.

STARTLING FIGURES NAMED

(By Associated Press)
PARIS, Dec. 28.—General Percin, in a book describing more than 200 battles in France and Belgium during the late war, concludes from data collected by him that 75,000 French soldiers were killed by their own artillery through defective illumination.
The losses, he says, were higher by 50 percent in the French army than in the German army. The losses of the French infantry, he finds, were comparatively four times greater than the losses of the artillery. He fixes the French losses from the enemy's fire at 5,000,000 killed and wounded.
General Percin was military governor of the fortress of Lille just after the outbreak of the war. He evacuated the fortress on orders received from the government when the Germans approached the frontier and was, for a long time, supposed by the general public to have evacuated the place of his own volition. A lively controversy between his friends and adversaries has been going ever since as to whether he was badly treated by the General Staff. He has severely criticised the conduct of the war in the field by the French staff.
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