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THE WEATHER OREGON: Fair east, cloudy with fog west portland tonight and Saturday, rains in northwest Saturday, not much change in temperature.

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YULETIDE TO BE OBSERVED IN CHURCHES

Sacred Concert, Cantatas, Programs, Christmas Trees are Scheduled.

NEXT FOUR DAYS TO BE HAPPY ONES

Christmas Celebrations to Begin in La Grande Tomorrow and Continue Through Dec. 25.

The Christmas spirit, which has been growing by leaps and bounds in La Grande in the last few days, will reach a high level here Sunday, when numerous programs, pageants, cantatas, etc. will be held in local churches.

These programs in turn, will be followed by Christmas eve or day programs in some of the houses of worship.

In the Episcopal church Dec. 22 will be observed as Christmas Sunday, with appropriate music and a talk by the rector on "Christmas Cheer." In the evening the church school will present a pageant.

Sacred Cantata The Presbyterians will commemorate the Christmas thought and spirit in the Sunday morning service and at 7:30 p. m. a sacred concert will be given by the Ladies' Trio and quartet, with Mrs. Alfred L. Richardson, soprano, director, and Howard H. Hanson, organist.

The Nazarene Christmas program will be held during the Sunday school hour beginning at 9:45 a. m. and a similar program will be held at the Christian church at the same time. Also, the Christian church school will present a Yuletide pageant at 7:30 p. m. Either the Rev. R. L. or Mrs. Putnam will bring a Christmas message Sunday evening to the community at the Lower Cave road school house.

At the Baptist church the pastor will give a Christmas sermon Sunday morning and at 2 p. m. the Sunday school will present a Christmas program. In the evening, at 7:30, the choir will give a cantata.

Tree and Pageant A Christmas tree and pageant will make up the program at the South Methodist church Monday night under the auspices of the Sunday school. Sunday there will be two Christmas sermons by the pastor.

The Yuletide program at the Gospel Mission is to be held Monday evening at 7:30 o'clock. The church of God will hold a Christmas program at 7:30 o'clock Sunday evening and in the morning, the pastor will deliver an appropriate sermon.

The church school and Choral society at the Lutheran church will give a dramatization of the Christmas story on Sunday evening, and a special Christmas service will be held Christmas day at 11 a. m.

Bishop Remington Coming

The Christ-Mass service at the Episcopal church will find the Rt. Rev. W. P. Remington, D. D., bishop of Eastern Oregon, as the celebrant, assisted by the Rev. M. G. Tennyson, D. D.

This is a beautiful and spiritual service to which the public is invited. The service, from which Christmas gets its name (Christ-Mass), is one of the two great annual services in the Episcopal church and all of the congregation are expected to prepare themselves by fasting and prayer and make their communion at this service.

The boys' choir will sing carols from 11 p. m. until the beginning of the mass at 11:30 p. m. The service will be so conducted that the Eucharist is received at midnight. This service will be enhanced by a well trained choir singing many portions of the service.

Midnight Mass

The annual midnight mass will be held at the Catholic church in observance of Christmas. Mass will be held at 8 and 8:30 o'clock on Christmas day, also.

This Island City Community church will hold a Christmas cantata at 7 p. m. Sunday, following regular services with a morning sermon on "The First Preachers of the New-Born King."

Santa Claus will visit the Second Ward chapel of the L. D. S. church Christmas eve with a bag of candy and nuts for the little ones. In addition a program will

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WEATHER TODAY

7:30 a. m.—36 above. Minimum: 23 above. Condition: partly cloudy.

WEATHER YESTERDAY

Maximum 29, minimum 29 above. Condition: cloudy, rain .24 of inch.

WEATHER DEC. 20, 1929

Maximum 29, minimum 11 above. Condition: cloudy.

Purchase Lot For New Home For Observer

Brick and Concrete Structure to be Erected Next Spring on Washington and Sixth.

The purchase of a 45-foot lot on Sixth and Washington is announced today by The Observer and will be the location of a new Observer building to be constructed next spring. The location adjoins the Jack Oliver abstract office on the north and faces directly down the center of Elm street. The new garage building to be constructed by M. J. Goss, Stuebaker dealer, will adjoin The Observer building and will have a fronting on Washington across from the city hall.

Detailed plans are now being completed for The Observer and call for a brick and reinforced concrete structure 40 feet wide and 116 feet deep, a private walkway five feet wide running the length of the building, will be left to provide light for the structure.

The building will be practically two stories in height, the first floor, to be taken up by the mechanical plant, will be four feet in the ground and five feet out. The second floor will be devoted to offices and the mailing room.

The structure is designed to accommodate the growth of the paper and the community for at least 20 years, and ample space will be provided for new equipment and an enlarged staff that may be required in future years.

The location is considered ideal for a newspaper plant, which is essentially a manufacturing business. Although only a block from the heart of the business district, the site allows for a building 50 per cent wider than the present location on Adams and also provides an abundance of light for both floors. If details can be completed, work on the building is planned for early in March, and The Observer hopes to be in its new home by the middle of the summer.

Schools Close Down Until Last Day of December

This afternoon completes the last day of school before the holiday season for the schools of La Grande. The grade schools and the high school will resume their studies and work on Dec. 30, but the Eastern Oregon Normal school will not take up again until Jan. 2.

The city schools also will have a holiday on Jan. 1, returning to school Jan. 2.

A short assembly was held at the high school this morning. Several members of the expression class had worked up some vandyke stunts which they gave. The expression class has been doing some work along that line recently although they do not emphasize it.

The first skit "Lissy and Dissy" was given by Woodrow Danvers and Jack Kneidel. The second skit consisted of a couple of songs by Ellis Watkins. The last skit entitled "The Time, the Place and the Girl" was given by Percy McFarland and Donald Pouch.

The high school lower hall is attractive decorated with strings of Oregon grape and pine needles and cones.

Hold Christmas Program

Mrs. Eleanor Gable's fourth grade room gave their Christmas program at Greenwood school yesterday at 2:30 p. m. It was a beautiful and spiritual service to which the public is invited.

The program began with a song by the school "Christmas Carol." Then Hollister Rhine spoke a piece "Graham's" which was followed by a play "A Visit to Santa Claus." The fairies were represented by Helen Mae Lane, Luann Thompson.

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Man Charged With Larceny by Bailee

A warrant has been issued for the arrest of Fred D. Jehne in Modesto, Cal., it was announced today by J. H. Pearce, who says that Jehne purchased a diamond ring from his jewelry store on contract, made part payment and left the count without permission of the contract holder, Jehne, who was arrested at Modesto in response to the La Grande warrant, was charged with larceny by bailee.

Waltz Speaks At Men's Club Meet

The Presbyterian Men's club met last night at the home of Dr. Ray Marbury and, after the business session had been concluded, the Rev. J. George Waltz, pastor of the Presbyterian church, took up the remainder of the evening with a most interesting talk on the historical and legendary aspects of Christmas, mentioning especially the various ways countries have of celebrating the event. Many personal observations of Mr. Waltz on his visit to the Holy Land were included.

Jack Murphy gave a reading entitled "The First Christmas" and Mrs. Murphy served a luncheon at the close of the meeting. Alfred Cook, vice president, presided at the meeting, which was attended by 13 members.

40 DEAD DUE TO WEATHER OVER NATION

Rocky Mountain, Mid-West and East States Shivers in Cold Wave.

DIXIE CHILLED; DEATH REPORTED

Florida and California Escape Chill and Robins Fight Merrily Over Worms in Oregon.

OREGON NOT SO COLD PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 20 (AP)—Come to Oregon!

While the midwest and east struggled with old King Cold in zero and sub-zero temperatures, 50 robin redbreasts gambled in a Portland city park.

George J. Wolff said the robins swarmed into his back yard and fought gaily over worms.

U. S. KNEE DEEP IN WINTER By The Associated Press

America was knee-deep in winter today, save only the sun-warmed shores of the Pacific and the Gulf, which were knee-deep in June.

Fog along the Atlantic coast, steel-wire communication lines in Ontario, sub-zero cold in the northwest, and snow rubbing entire tiers of middle western states—these represented the weather's vagaries. Even Dixie shivered and shook snow from her hair.

Midwest Blizzard Severe The worst blizzard middle America has experienced since 1928 had forced snow shovels which bound transportation and chained the forward march of Christmas trade.

Even more snow moved into the midwest today, with nothing to compare with the mid-week storm which the Chicago weather bureau alluded to as "almost one in a life time."

A complete list of deaths for which the storm, snow, cold and ice were to blame, was not possible, with many sections cut off from the world by drifts in highways and broken telephone and telegraph wires; but nearly two score had been reported, more than half of them in the Chicago metropolitan area.

Shifting winds lifted the fog which had cost a heavy price in New York harbor. Shipping had been almost at a stand still, and one vessel lay at the bottom of the harbor in 60 feet of water. The fog reached into the millions.

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12 CONTESTS ON TIGER SCHEDULE

Games Lined up With Baker, Pendleton, Union, Enterprise, Joseph, Wallowa.

Although two of the games are still in the tentative class as far as the dates are concerned, the La Grande High school basketball schedule was completed today. Twelve games are scheduled, home and home arrangements having been made with Baker, Union, Enterprise, Joseph, Wallowa and Pendleton.

The state tournament is expected to be held March 13, 14 and 15, although this has not been definitely decided. The district tournament for Union, Baker, Wallowa, Haney, Malheur and Grant counties will be held before the state tournament, probably Feb. 27-28, Mar. 1, with these dates also to be definitely determined later.

The La Grande schedule follows: Jan. 4—Enterprise at La Grande. Jan. 10—Union at La Grande (tentative). Jan. 11—Joseph at La Grande (tentative). Jan. 17—La Grande at Joseph. Jan. 18—La Grande at Enterprise. Jan. 24—Baker at La Grande. Jan. 25—La Grande at Wallowa. Jan. 31—Pendleton at La Grande. Feb. 7—La Grande at Pendleton.

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PREPARE FOR BAND CONCERT DECEMBER 29

Preparations will be completed during the coming week for the sacred band concert, to be given in the Methodist Episcopal church at 8 o'clock the evening of Sunday, Dec. 29, it was announced today.

A feature of the program will be a solo by Paul Knautz, "The Holy City." Also two congregational hymns will be sung with accompaniment by the band.

Several very fine sacred numbers will be played.

I. C. C. Railroad Merger Plan Is Revealed Today

Statement Made by Dow, Jones & Co. in Copyrighted Dispatch From Washington.

NEW YORK, Dec. 20 (AP)—Dow, Jones & Co., in a copyrighted despatch from its Washington bureau today, states that the interstate commerce commission's railroad consolidation plan has been completed, allocating the country's railway properties into 19 major systems, comprising five systems in the east, based upon the present four trunkline systems, and an additional system, the nucleus of which would be the Washash. Official publication of the plan is expected within a few days.

In addition to the five systems in the east, two are planned for New England, three for the south, and nine for the west. These are exclusive of the Canadian controlled Soo line, Grand Trunk Western and Vermont Central. The des-

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DR. BAKER IS SPEAKER HERE LAST EVENING

Dr. James Baker, a missionary from Onzole, India, spoke last night at the Baptist church before an appreciative audience. Dr. Baker is a stationed missionary of that section which is considered the most important and largest mission station in India. His discussion was largely a review of the marvelous growth of the station in India and showing the wonderful break down of that system that is now going on. One striking feature of the history of the station is that his term of service and that of his predecessor covered a period of 65 years. Dr. Baker was there for 35 years. In the 65 years there were 43,000 Hindus converted to the Christian religion.

The Christian Hindus who were once outside because of their religion are now accepted by the high caste Brahmins on terms of equality, he said. When asked by the pastor what effect the turmoil would have on the missions, Dr. Baker replied that the results of any revolution in India would probably not affect the missions adversely in any way as many of the best friends the missionaries had were among the high class Hindus who were not Christians themselves.

Dr. Baker is filling a number of engagements in Eastern Oregon after which he will go to Southern California where his wife and family are.

Slight Earthquake Felt At Joseph

JOSEPH, Ore., Dec. 20 (Special)—Several citizens with well established reputations for sobriety and veracity reported that they felt an earthquake tremor in town Tuesday noon, according to the Joseph Herald. The quake, which was of course very faint, lasted only a second or two but had sufficient force to jiggle the Christmas decorations in several stores about town, it is said.

Those who told the story of the "earthquake" came in for not a little chaffing, but their senses probably told them aright for yesterday's newspapers carried stories of severe earthquakes at sea off the Alaskan coast. It is entirely possible that the quake or a small part of it traveled as far as Wallowa county. A faint tremor of much the same nature was felt here several years ago, it was reported.

New Zealander On Australian Flight

LONDON, Dec. 20 (AP)—F. C. Chichester, a wealthy New Zealander, climbed into the cockpit of a tiny Moth aeroplane at Croydon today and told his friends: "Cheer up, I'm off to Australia."

He got his plane into the air and took the direction of the continent. Officials believed he hoped to beat Bert Hinkler's record of 15 days between England and Australia established in February 1928.

Senate Prohibitionists Launch Drive For Early Hearings Report

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20 (AP)—The next bill appropriating money for the commission requiring it to have open hearings.

However, it was another dry Senator Jones, Republican, Washington—who blocked action today on the resolution of Senator Harris, Georgia, and Glass, Virginia—gave notice in the senate that "not another dollar" will be appropriated to the commission unless it submits some sort of report on its first eight months of work.

Senator Glass, author of the \$250,000 fund for the commission, charged that the commission had "substituted aside the original purpose—investigation of prohibition."

Senator Harris said that "every enemy of the prohibition bill wants to keep the commission there" without any report. He said he would propose an amendment to

QUEEN OF ROSE TOURNAMENT



Holly Halstead has a busy time ahead of her this month—and it doesn't concern Christmas shopping, either. For Holly, who resides in Pasadena, has been chosen queen of the Pasadena Tournament of Roses. She has the job of greeting all the football teams of the Southern California Football Association of Pasadena and University of Southern California, who will meet in the annual East-West game at the Pasadena Rose Bowl New Year's Day.

More Acreage In Fall Grain; U. S. Report States

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20 (AP)—The first snow to winter wheat this fall for the 1929 crop was announced today by the department of agriculture as 43,620,000 acres. The condition of the crop on December 1 was 56.9 per cent of a normal.

The area sown a year ago was 42,820,000 acres and the condition of the crop December 1 a year ago was 54.4 per cent of a normal.

Rye sown this fall for grain was 3,466,000 acres and the condition of the crop December 1 was 37.2 per cent of a normal, compared with 3,456,000 acres and a condition of 34.4 a year ago.

The abandonment in 1929 of winter wheat was 6.2 per cent of the acreage sown; in 1928 it was 22.5 per cent, and the average for the ten years 1918-1927 was 19.8 per cent.

Fire Advances On Fashionable Residential Area

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 20 (AP)—Fire sweeping before a 20-mile-an-hour wind through the tinder-like brush of the dry foothills in Griffith Park city recreation preserve, today advanced on a mile front toward the Los Feliz fashionable residential section, threatening the homes and causing firemen to order the houses evacuated.

Five men were hurt, one critically as an indirect result of the fire. M. J. Lakey, a fireman, was struck down by a car and parked head on, while four city park employees succumbed to the flames in a truck were pinned beneath it when it overturned. J. B. Dolyrz was believed hurt fatally.

On the fire line, hundreds of firemen, other city employees and citizens joined in a frantic effort to halt the rapidly advancing blaze.

The Hollywood section of Los Angeles was covered by a pall of yellow smoke, thrown off by the leaping flames, and all traffic along Riverside drive, which skirts the southeastern border of the park was shut off.

ARNOLD, CROWDER ARE UNDER FIRE

War Department Investigating Charge General Gave Out Information

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20 (AP)—A scathing arraignment of the activities of J. A. Arnold, manager of the Southern Taxpayers Association, was made today in a report to the senate by its lobby committee, while questioning of witnesses continued in the committee room and the war department promised an inquiry into testimony that general Enoch Crowder, retired, had given interests working for a lower sugar tariff information on war plans of the army general staff.

Arnold, in the report presented by Chairman Curaway of the committee was described as being without veracity and as apparently having no sense of "self respect."

Arnold, who is also manager of the American Taxpayers league, was said by the report to have collected a million dollars during the past few years and it was asserted that he used most of this money for the benefit of himself and a small group connected with him in the organizations.

The question of the general's remarks was raised by the insertion in the lobby committee record of a letter written by H. C. Lakin, president of the Cuba company, quoting Crowder as having said in the event of war the army would not undertake to maintain a line of communication with the Philippines.

Shattuck who testified yesterday, denied he had ever discussed the sugar tariff with Hoover.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20 (AP)—A letter from H. C. Lakin, president of the Cuba company, to Edward P. Shattuck, employed by Lakin to advocate a low sugar duty, read today before the senate lobby committee, said Shattuck had had an interview with President Hoover.

Shattuck who testified yesterday, denied he had ever discussed the sugar tariff with Hoover.

Fatal Shooting Near Yermo, Cal.

FAN BERNARDINO, Cal., Dec. 20 (AP)—Word of a desert shooting between a husband and wife over the woman's alleged paramour in which the husband was slain and the wife and her companion wounded critically reached here today from the desolate country about Yermo, Cal., 75 miles northeast of here.

Through railroad communication the officers learned that a man named Hunt, owner of a restaurant at Yermo, went out of his care yesterday and found his wife sitting in their automobile with a man known only as "Bill."

The officers were informed that Hunt opened fire on his wife and her companion, wounding her three times and the man once. The wife fired back, her bullets inflicting fatal wounds on her husband.

MRS. POINDEXTER DIES ORANGE, Cal., Dec. 20 (AP)—Mrs. Miles Poindexter, wife of the former senator from Washington and ex-ambassador to Peru, died here suddenly at 5:15 a. m. following a delicate surgical operation. She was 63 years old.

Arkansas Group Is Acquitted Of Franklin 'Death'

Failure of Prosecution to Produce Corpus Delicti Results in "Not Guilty" Verdict.

MOUNTAIN VIEW, Ark., Dec. 20 (AP)—A jury's verdict has wiped away charges of murder against four mountaineer farmers, whose chief witness testified "he was the Connie Franklin they were accused of slaying."

The acquittal after a trial which added \$8,000 to Stone county's already heavy debt offered an expensive answer to the question of the identity of the 23-year-old farm hand upon whom the defense based its case.

S. M. Bone, presiding judge, who estimated the cost of the trial, stopped a burst of applause after the verdict. He asked the community to forget the bitter feelings which arose when the man appeared to challenge the story of Tullio Rummery, 17, who said Franklin, her lover, had been kidnapped by nightriders and presumably slain.

Fifth Indictment Dropped A murder indictment against a fifth man, Alex Pulks, was dismissed. Those on trial, Bill Younger, Joe White, Herman Greenway and Hubert Hester, were freed from jail, but the latter two were placed under \$2,500 bonds to answer charges of attacking the Rummery girl.

The girl and a deaf mute, who said he saw the defendants bearing the body of a man toward a brush pile, steadfastly refused to accept the star defense witness as Franklin although many other residents of the community identified him. He often attempted to convince the girl he was her former lover, sang plaintive mountain songs at her request, played them on a "French harp" for her father and related details of their courtship.

His mother recognized a newspaper photograph, came here and disclosed that he was married and his real name was Marion Franklin Rogers. She said she assumed another name to prevent being located by his wife from whom he was estranged and by authorities of a state insane hospital from which he had escaped.

Bones Offered The principal evidence offered by the prosecution was a small quantity of bones, but efforts to identify them as those of a human failed when a physician said that a temple bone, which had been among the others sometime ago, was missing when he examined them on the witness stand.

Defense counsel declared "an old

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Interference Is Trouble Cause, McEwan States

NEW YORK, Dec. 20 (AP)—Captain John J. McEwan, ousted head coach of the University of Oregon football team, issued a statement today asserting his only trouble at Oregon was disagreement with the university president on football substitutions at critical moments.

McEwan charged that this interference with his conduct of the team led to strained relations.

The former Army All-American center indicated he expected a settlement of his contract at Oregon which has one year more to run. He may seek a new coaching job in the east, but announced meanwhile he would conduct a specialized course in line coaching here.

Dr. A. B. Hall indicated today that Eugene it was hoped a suitable coach would be found who would be willing to take the coaching position at no more than the \$8,600 paid annually to Captain McEwan and who would be willing to take the coaching post under the professional plan previously outlined by the university president.

Many Injured In Subway Stampede

NEW YORK, Dec. 20 (AP)—Caught in a subway train during the rush hour, in a tunnel under the East River, while great clouds of smoke caused by a short-circuited third rail rolled up around them, several hundred men and women today trampled each other in their excitement and smashed the windows with their fists.

Police estimated that 80 were injured, many of them cut and bruised, and all suffering from smoke inhalation.

Delegates also voted for a plan concerning a garbage disposal method which would be operated by the city.

Pope Makes Exit From The Vatican

ROME, Dec. 20 (AP)—Pope Pius XI, ending nearly 60 years of self imprisonment of the popes in the Vatican, made his exit at dawn today from the pontifical quarters and entered Italian territory.

It was the first time since 1870, when the kingdom of Italy was formed and the papal state destroyed, that a pope had left the Vatican.

FIVE HURLED TO DEATH IN WASHINGTON

Representative William Kaynor, of Massachusetts, Killed in Crash. PLANE DIVES AT BOLLING FIELD

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20 (AP)—Five persons, including a member of congress and his secretary, were hurled to death today in the worst air crash in the history of Bolling field.

Representative William Kaynor, of Massachusetts, en route by air to his home in Springfield, along with Stanley B. Lowe, his office associate, were passengers in the plane.

Captain Harry A. Dinger, pilot of the plane; Arthur A. McGill, a civilian air employe, and Vladimir Klama, an army private, were the others who lost their lives.

Tremendous Crash The big plane had just taken off from the field and had reached a height of about 400 feet when it seemed to hesitate and then turned downward, striking the ground with a tremendous crash.

Bolling field officers immediately closed sources of information pending an inquiry, but news of the accident reached the capitol first from a woman who made the trip by automobile. She was in a hysterical state and could not immediately identify any of those who were killed.

Reports then spread like wildfire over the city, highly exaggerated in most instances, some of them placing the number of congressional victims as high as five.

Representative Keetcham, of Michigan, was first listed with the dead, but his office quickly disposed of this erroneous report.

First Air Journey Lowe, who is also a resident of Springfield, and McGill were requested by Representative Kaynor to accompany him on the flight to Massachusetts. Kaynor only recently had been placed on the house military committee and today's tragedy ended his first journey in an airplane.

Captain Dinger was considered one of the most expert aviators in the army. He personally piloted Chairman James of the house military committee recently on a trip of 20,000 miles over the country for inspection purposes.

Representative Kaynor was serving his first term in congress, having been elected in November a year ago. He was born in St. Louis, Mo., in 1884, was a graduate of Yale in 1912, and was manager of the football team there. Prior to his election to congress he had served as postmaster at Springfield, Mass., for six years, and formerly was chairman of the Republican city committee.

Second Fatal Accident The death of Representative Kaynor marked the second of a

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TWO HURT IN TRAIN WRECK NEAR MAUPIN

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 20 (AP)—The engineer and fireman were slightly hurt today when the engine and six freight cars of the Oregon Trunk railway No. 103 was derailed three miles south of Maupin. No passengers on the mixed train were hurt. The train was bound from Bend to Wishram.

Engineer Argo suffered an injured leg, and T. A. Johnson, fireman, received an army injury.

The passenger equipment was derailed over the Union Pacific line to Cello. The southbound train going to Bend was delayed by the derailment and was derailed over another line.

Earlier Closing Hour Is Favored

A proposal for an earlier closing hour on Saturday nights for the merchants in La Grande with 7:30 as the latest time, instead of 8:30, as the present closing hour, was endorsed last evening at the meeting of the Central Labor council. This hour will vary from 6:30 in some stores to 7:30 in others.

Delegates also voted for a plan concerning a garbage disposal method which would be operated by the city.

3 Shopping Days To Christmas!