

# Society News

## Mrs. Warnock Is Hostess At Bridge Party On Friday

A charming afternoon of bridge took place when Mrs. Oscar Warnock was hostess to her bridge club at three tables at play, yesterday afternoon at her home. Honors for high tally were won by Mrs. Harvey Matthews. Fourth prize was presented to Mrs. William Houghan. Mrs. Chester Johnson was presented with a cash prize. Following bridge refreshments were served. The club will meet again with Mrs. Lawrence Hull.

## Tennyson Speaker At P-T. Meeting

The Rev. M. G. Tennyson presided at a very interesting talk at the Riveria Parent-Teacher association meeting Thursday evening at the Lane Chapel with about 300 persons present, a large percentage of which were fathers. "The Home, the Cradle of the Christian Life of the Nation," was the subject of the talk, and Mr. Tennyson revealed that the church comes before either the home or school as in the early days, therefore ministers were the first teachers and the marriage ceremony today is a Christian ceremony. Marriage is the first step in the forming of the home.

## Mrs. Griffin Is Hostess to Club

A delightful luncheon with covers for 12 was enjoyed yesterday at the home of Mrs. Charles H. Griffin on Main avenue, when she was hostess to the Lucky Dozen club. The table was attractively centered with a Christmas tree, with other seasonal decorations on the table and about the home. Gifts were exchanged during the afternoon which was spent in pleasant social hours. The club will meet again with Mrs. Frank A. Hansen, at 505 Adams two weeks from yesterday.

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he asked in conclusion. Many of the members remarked that it "was food for thought."

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## Hopes To Avoid Repetition Of Xmas Tragedy

SALEM, Ore., Dec. 21 (Special)—Seeking to avoid a repetition of the tragedy of a year ago, when three young girl students of an Oregon educational institution suffered a terrible death in a students' rooming and boarding house fire because a warm-hearted house mother carelessly placed "welcome home" candles in a window and the flames ignited the curtains and spread to the Christmas tree, as well as the needless destruction of property through holiday carelessness, State Fire Marshal Clarence Lee is sending out warnings to the fire chiefs and press of the state.

One feature is in the nature of a "Holiday Happiness Declaration" in the unique form of a resolution, in appropriate holiday colors, pledging the signatories thereto to exercise care and discretion in holiday preparations, and the other, setting forth a list of important things to avoid in decorations and costumes, prescribing two formulas for fire-proofing flammable materials.

The chemical formula for fire-proofing Christmas trees, evergreen foliage, cotton batting and other flammable decorative materials, was applied to the huge Christmas tree which adorns the main corridor of the state house, at the instance of Secretary of State Hal J. Hess, custodian of the capitol building and grounds, and a thorough test by the applications of lighted matches to the foliage proved it very effective. The other formula is prescribed for the treatment of children's costumes and other highly combustible fabrics to render them fireproof. The latter solution will not injure the fabrics and is claimed to make the colors fast. The two formulas prescribed are as follows:

For Christmas trees, evergreen foliage, cotton batting, used for Santa Claus whiskers and costume trimming and for artificial snow, and other flammable decorative materials: Two pounds of sulphate of ammonia, four pounds of chloride of ammonia and three gallons of water. Apply as a spray. Quantity may be reduced in proportion of ingredients to suit the needs.

For children's costumes and other flammable fabrics: Ammonium phosphate (commercial) one pound, water one gallon. Immerse articles in the solution and allow them to thoroughly dry.

The deer hunting season has come, but most of the hunters will merely pass the buck.

## BUDAPEST LIFE BOATS SAVE DANUBE SUICIDES

BUDAPEST, Hungary (AP)—This city possesses a fleet of lifeboats whose special mission is to rescue people trying to commit suicide from one of the other of the five handsome bridges spanning the Danube between the twin cities of Buda and Pest.

## ONCE UPON A TIME



Robert Dollar earned a living as a cook's helper in a Canadian loggers' camp. Today, at 85, he is the multimillionaire master mariner of the Pacific ocean, and his farflung banner floats on the masts of 50 ships.

Within three years 523 persons have thrown themselves from the bridges, and of these 500 have been rescued by the water-police. The lifeboat crews carry handcuffs and cords to restrain the more determined from jumping in again. Attempts at suicide have virtually doubled since the war.

## "MYSTERY IN RESTAURANT"

says a headline. A newspaper reporter evidently at last decided to do something about the hash.

## CONCERT TO BE GIVEN AT CHURCH HERE

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Mrs. Kate Metcalf will give a tribute to the prophet and Norma Hanks will play a violin solo. A story of Christmas will be presented by Blanche Stoddard, followed by a duet "When Christ was Born in Bethlehem" by Christy Lester and Crystal Lamb. May Bean will give a story from the life of Christ and the choir will sing "Tarry With Me." The program will be in connection with the regular sacrament meeting and everyone is invited.

## ELKS in Readiness

The La Grande lodge of Elks, which is to be host to the children of this community Christmas day at the fire tree in the intersection by the Elks temple, is completing

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its plans for the Christmas season. Gifts are being arranged for distribution to the kiddies and baskets of provisions are to be delivered to needy families in this district next week, probably beginning Sunday or Monday, it is said.

Other organizations are also completing their arrangements, with lodges holding Christmas parties, and other groups various types of observance.

Stores, governmental offices (both city and county), etc., will be closed on Christmas day.

Schools Enjoy Vacation  
Schools of the city closed yesterday afternoon not to reopen until the morning of Dec. 30. Programs were held in all of the schools either Thursday or Friday, with parents attending many of grade school programs. Musical selections, Christmas stories and playlets, exchanging of gifts, Christmas trees and other decorations all featured the parties.

The Christmas shopping rush is at a high level today, to continue full blast until Christmas eve. However, many merchants report that more early buying took place this year than usually is the case.

had been adopted when a little more than a year old. Her foster parents told her about it when she was old enough to understand but the explanation was unskillful.

Her imagination was stirred by the thought of her unknown real parents—by the great mystery that lay back of her life. These parents became romantic, wonderful personalities.

Upon this foundation she built a world of phantasy. She would sit in school day dreaming. When she told of these day dreams a clue was furnished which led to the whole story. She used to dream of being hurt and carried to a hospital where her real parents came and took her home. This phantasy developed as a means of satisfying her desire to know her real father and mother. Besides, she was poorly nourished and developed. This increased her irritability and inability to concentrate on lessons.

When her phantasies had been treated and her physical condition improved she skipped a full grade in two months. Earlier consultation with the family physician would have avoided most of the trouble.

Don't worry over a little day dreaming. But when it is excessive and accompanied by poor school work it is probably a sign that some physical or mental disturbance exists.

## Health Talks

DAY DREAMS  
By Mandel Sherman  
Washington, D. C.

When a child day dreams, what of it? Ordinarily it's nothing to worry about. We've all done it and survived the experience. Sometimes, however, excessive phantasy interferes with a child's progress in school and sets up a vicious circle of compensation in more day dreaming that results in a serious nervous condition. Then it becomes the business of the psychiatrist. He must get the boy or girl back into the real world of real people out of the phantasy world of Indians, cowboys, demons and fairies.

Because a child doesn't make good progress in school is no sign that he is mentally deficient. The diagnosis must depend on individual circumstances. It may be merely that he has been driven, in one way or another, into a world where school lessons and school discipline are unreal, inconsequential things.

Take, for example, Peggy, ten years old. She got a rating of 120 in the Binet mental test, a real superiority. Yet she did poorly in school. She paid little attention to her lessons and seemed dull. She

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## Camp Fire Girls Present Program

An interesting program featured the recent meeting of the Cheska-chamay Camp Fire group at the Nelson home. Verona Stood read a poem, and Ida and Opal Nobles presented a duet. A poem was presented by Agnes Kinney, and Dorothy Wilvers sang a song. Mrs.

## MERGER PLAN FOR RAILWAY UNITS GIVEN

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roads projected by the plan there was marked difference with some of the proposals made by important railroad interests which have sought to take advantage of the consolidation law.

In the west the commission proposed to take the Burlington system away from the Great Northern and Northern Pacific, which now owns it, and to erect by addition of the Missouri-Kansas-Texas to the Burlington a new and extensive railroad structure. The Burlington system projected will include a half interest in the Great Western and likewise a half interest in the Trinity and Brazos Valley and would run from the Canadian border to Mexico.

The Great Northern and Northern Pacific would be in another consolidation including most of their present affiliated and connecting lines. Around the Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul and Pacific the commission proposed another single system by the inclusion of the Duluth, Missabe and Northern, the Duluth and Iron Range, a half interest in the Butte, Anaconda and Pacific and trackage rights and partial interests in several short lines which would be associated with other merger systems as well.

## P. Given Short Lines

The Union Pacific was left practically all of its present subsidiaries and was tentatively assigned a number of short lines. Similar treatment was accorded the Southern Pacific and among the assignments to that company of lines at present independent were the Waco, Beaumont, Trinity and Sabine.

The Missouri Pacific was definitely enlarged by the inclusion of it of the Western Pacific, which corporation is now seeking an entrance into San Francisco and was confirmed in the acquisition of the Denver and Rio Grande Western in which it is now interested.

## LEGISLATION NEXT STEP WASHINGTON, Dec. 21 (AP)—

Legislation is necessary to put into effect the national railroad consolidation program proposed today by the Interstate Commerce Commission, in the opinion of congressional leaders, and a drive to that end was advocated by Senator Watson of Indiana the republican leader.

## APPROVE BRIDGE PLANS WASHINGTON, Dec. 21 (AP)—

The war department approved plans of the county court of Tillamook county, Oregon, for a bridge across the Big Nestucca river at Woods, Ore., under the authority of the state law.

## IDAHO APPOINTMENTS WASHINGTON, Dec. 21 (AP)—

Hoyt E. Ray was reappointed United States attorney for Idaho today, and Frank M. Brechens was re-nominated United States marshal for the district of Idaho.

Atlanta is to have a combination office building and cold storage warehouse costing between \$2,500,000 and \$2,800,000.

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