

# NEWS of the CHURCHES

## Yuletide Season Marked by Special Religious Music

### All Churches Will Observe Christmas — Elaborate Programs Are Planned For Sunday.

Pageants, cantatas and musical programs will make Sunday one of the most inspirational of the year. Appropriate observances will mark the morning services, and the evening will be turned over to special Christmas observance in many of La Grande's churches.

"White Gifts For the King," the adoration pageant, will be presented at the Presbyterian church. The congregation of the Methodist church will enjoy "The Prince of Peace," a cantata. The main event at the Baptist church in honor of the coming religious holiday will be the Sunday school program to be presented at 4:30 in the afternoon, while at the Central Church of Christ a pageant is being produced Sunday evening. No special services are planned for St. Peter's Episcopal church on Sunday, but midnight mass will be held Christmas eve. The Catholic church will hold midnight mass at their church on Dec. 24, and masses will be read at 8 and 8:30 on Christmas morning.

Central Church of Christ Seventh and Pennsylvania

A strikingly different type of Christmas pageant will be given at the Central Church of Christ on Sunday evening at 7:30. Rev. Paul de F. Mortimore, pastor, states. A large scenic background has been prepared showing the sight of the Plain of the Shepherds from which the angels announced the birth of Christ to the shepherds. The city of Bethlehem is seen in the background. This scene covers the entire front of the church and colored lighting effects are used to make the scene realistic.

Characters, dressed in the costumes of the Orient, will depict the events which took place on Christmas night, 2000 years ago. The beauty of this scene, the pastor believes, is aided by the singing of the choir of favorite Christmas anthems telling the Christmas story in song. It has been said of this scenic background that it alone is worth going many miles to see.

The annual Christmas services will be held at the church in the morning. At 11 o'clock there will be the Christmas worship service, communion, and a Christmas message by the pastor. The choir will present two anthems, "Fear Not," by Charles Gabriel and "Sing Oh Heavens," by Emerson.

The Bible school meets at 9:45. Most of the classes will be studying the Christmas lesson. At 6:30 the Christian Endeavor groups will meet to study and discuss appropriate Christmas theme. Young people of all ages are welcome in these meetings and there is an adult group meeting at the same hour for prayer and Bible study, the pastor announces.

First Methodist Church Fourth and Spring

The Sunday school Christmas program will be given in two divisions, Sunday morning at the 9:45 hour at the Methodist church, Rev. W. H. Hertzog, pastor, states. The beginners and primary groups will meet in a joint program in the primary room of the church basement under the leadership of Mrs. L. W. Wheeler and Mrs. Glenn Wagner. The junior and adults will meet in the auditorium and be led by Mrs. R. L. Sken.

"Christmas For Us" is the subject on which the pastor will speak at the morning service at 11 o'clock. The chorus choir will sing the final chorus of the famous Christmas cantata, "The Light Eternal," by Petrie, with incidental duets by Mr. and Mrs. Sherwood Williams, Mrs. A. W. Nelson and Mrs. Thomas McGuire.

At 8 o'clock the choir of 30 voices will give Mrs. E. L. Ashford's Christmas cantata, "The Prince of Peace," directed by Paul Knautz, with Miss Helen Williams at the organ.

Presbyterian Church Washington and Sixth

Christmas is a happy season, and we wish for all a glad way of spending it, and finding close fellowship

with the Christ Child. To all "A Merry, Merry Christmas," Rev. J. George Walz, pastor, wishes.

Plans have been made to carry into the Sunday the spirit of Christmas at each service. The settings of the church will be in keeping with the season. Mrs. Harley Richardson will be at the organ console and play the morning service at 11:00 o'clock. Prelude "Cradle Song" by Mac Fadyen, and postlude "Christmas March" by De Blanc. The quartet will sing the anthems by Rogers, "Sing, Oh Sing, This Blessed Morn" and "Now When Jesus Was Born in Bethlehem of Judea."

The congregation will join in presenting the Christmas messages. The minister, J. George Walz, will bring the sermon message on "The First Joy."

At this service every member of the church, friends of Jesus Christ, and all interested in the best way of spending Christmas, should be present and have a part in the service, he feels.

The evening hour, 7:30, will be given to the presentation by the Sunday school, of the beautiful pageant "White Gifts For the King." This adoration pageant pictures the Bethlehem story. Rev. Walz states, and carries a challenge to every one for the consecration of life to Christ through gifts of self, service and substance. The pageant has been compiled by F. E. Davidson.

Junior Christian Endeavor at 4:00 p. m.; Intermediate and Senior Christian Endeavor at 6:15 p. m.; and Sunday Bible school at 9:45 a. m. are the other meetings of the day.

Baptist Church Spring and Sixth

The Christmas program of the Baptist Sunday school will be presented next Sunday afternoon at 4:30, the chief feature of which will be a play entitled "Seekers After Christmas." Some fine musical selections that fit into and supplement the play will be sung in connection with it. Other features of the program will be a violin solo by Jennie Nielson, a selection by the orchestra, and a series of stereoscopic pictures portraying the nativity. This program will take the place of the regular evening church service. The pastor's theme for the morning sermon will be "The Christmas Story." There will be no prayer meeting next Thursday evening. The Bible school, P. R. Finley, Supp., meets at 9:45; the morning preaching service at 11:00. All are cordially invited.

First Church of Christ, Scientist, First Street at Washington

Services will be held Sunday at 11 o'clock in the morning and 8 o'clock in the evening at the First Church of Christ, Scientist at First and Washington streets. "Is the Universe, Including Man, Evolved by Atomic Forces?" Will be the subject for the lesson-sermon in all churches of Christ Scientist on Sunday, Dec. 20.

The golden text will be "Of old hath thou laid the foundation of the earth; and the heavens are the work of thy hands," (Psalm, 102:5).

Among the citations which will comprise the lesson-sermon will be the following from the Bible, "The heavens are thine; the earth also is thine; as for the world and the fulness thereof, thou hast founded them," Psalm, 89:11.

The lesson-sermon will also include the following passage from the Christian Science textbook, "Science and Health With Key to the Scriptures," by Mary Baker Eddy: "God creates and governs the universe, including man. The universe is filled with spiritual ideas which he evolves and they are obedient to the mind that makes them." (page 295).

Sunday school is held at 9:45 o'clock for pupils up to the age of 20 years. The Wednesday evening service which includes testimonies of healing is at 8 o'clock. The reading room in the West-Jacobson building is open every day except Sunday and legal holidays from 1 until 4:30 o'clock.

Church of God Spruce Street at X Avenue

The following Sunday services will be held at the Church of God: 10 o'clock, Sunday school, with the lesson based on the subject, "The Supreme Gift of Love;" 11 o'clock, Christmas service with the sermon subject, "The Babe of Bethlehem," and the text, Isaiah 8:16, 7.

At 7:30 in the evening the Christmas program will be presented.

The Gospel Mission 2201 North Fir Street

Sunday services at the Gospel Mission include Sunday school at 9:45

o'clock; morning worship at 11 o'clock; and the evening service at 7:30. In the evening they will hold their Christmas Sunday school program and all are invited to attend. The program will be of interest to all, the pastor, Rev. L. Carlsen, states.

On Monday morning the pastor and his family will motor to Seattle where they will spend Christmas holidays with their parents. They will be back in time to attend the New Years watch night service, being held from 8 o'clock until after midnight on New Years night.

Emmanuel Mission

Regular morning services will be held at the Emmanuel Mission Sunday, but no evening services will be held in the hall during the coming week, since the pastor, Rev. Robert Sweeten has gone to Yakima for the Christmas holidays.

The services Sunday will be Sunday school at 10 o'clock and preaching at 11 o'clock.

Methodist Church South Corner Fir and U Streets

The services at the Methodist Church South on Sunday include Sunday school at 9:45 when a Christmas treat will be given to all members of the school who are present; preaching service at 11 o'clock; Epworth League at 6 o'clock, and the evening service at 7. Rev. A. J. Starmer, pastor, invites all to attend.

Sermonette Edited by Harriet R. MacDonald

The fool hath said, in his heart, there is no God, Psalm 14:1.

"We found strong reasons for believing that, in spite of his physical insignificance, man, as an intelligent person, may be of extraordinary importance in the cosmic scheme. If we were to use our own best judgment, what would we say is the most important thing about a noble man? Would we not place first the beauty of his character? It takes a whole lifetime to build the character of a noble man. The adventures and discipline of youth, the struggles and failures and successes, the pains and pleasures of maturity, the loneliness and tranquility of age — these make up the fire through which he must pass to bring out the pure gold of his soul. Having been thus far perfected, what shall nature do with him? Annihilate him? what infinite waste!"

ARTHUR H. COMPTON, Nobel Prize Winner.

Dogs May Receive Christmas Gifts

NEW YORK (AP)—Dogs get Christmas presents, too. Your Santa Claus is their Santa Claus. Pomeranians and poodles; danes

and cashmere will have plenty to woof about on Christmas morn. They'll find—if they've been good doggies—a stocking for them hanging from the fireplace mantle.

Where little boys and girls will find harmonicas, knives and tiny bags of hard candies, the dogs will discover a rubber pup's head, a squeaking mouse, a "personal" towel, a rubber bone and a ball.

Then there are numerous "practical" gifts. If Pido, old fellow, wants to "put on the dog," there's a swanky alpaca fur coat for nippy days. If Rover's just a little fellow there's a fireproof basket with a hood that can be raised or lowered.

For the truly blue-blooded a dinner set, a large dish that holds plenty of food set on a tricky holder with a hand-painted likeness of himself, is appropriate.

Going still higher, there is a novel vanity rack which holds a brush and comb, a harness and a collar.

The apex in dog luxury is a four-poster bed with a mattress and slip cover.

For puppy's biscuit, which come in plain cardboard boxes, there is a brightly decorated container—very doggy.

Chats With Parents

NONSENSE STORIES

By Alice Judson Peale

Every evening after supper 6-year-old Ellen and her mother have a story hour.

The recent reading had all been from books about nature, ships, railroads, steam shovels and other equally matter of fact material.

This time, as her mother was about to begin reading, where she had left off the night before, Ellen announced, "I don't want you to read to me tonight, mother, because I'm going to tell you a story."

"Once there was a kitty and his eyes were on the sides of his head where his ears ought to be. And his ears were on the front of his face where his eyes ought to be."

"His nose was down on his chin. And his mouth was right in the middle between his ears and his nose. He wagged tail when he was happy and when he talked he didn't say 'Meow,' he said 'Mooool Mooool!'"

Now isn't that a fine story?"

A very fine story, indeed, and illustrative of the fact that even the most sober efforts to make a certain type of child feed on facts will not prevent him from enjoying nonsense if he has to invent it for himself.

Even a child who may be incapable of inventing his own nonsense stories loves to have them read to him. The present tendency is to neglect the funny and imaginative stories in favor of the realistic sort.

A literary diet forced exclusively of such stories does not fill the young child's need.

Perhaps the very fact that he is small and helpless, that he is perpetually ordered about or made to adjust himself to things as they are causes him to take a particular delight in stories that are illogical.

He likes to pretend that the real order of things is upset in favor of a scheme of his own.

Health

PSYCHOLOGIC EPIDEMICS

The epidemic nature of certain diseases caused by morbid agents is now universally appreciated.

There is no difficulty in achieving such an understanding when the specific causes of the diseases are known and the avenues of their spread have been demonstrated.

That morbid psychologic states are also transmissible and may spread in epidemic form is less widely appreciated, despite the fact that history records many psychopathic epidemics.

Nor are these epidemics confined to remote history.

The publication of Goethe's "The Sorrows of Werthe," the tale of a hopeless love, ending in the suicide of the hero, was followed by an epidemic of suicides.

Many a young man upon reading this story became "infected" with the morbid romanticism and followed the fictitious hero to an untimely grave.

The publication of any new or novel method of self-destruction is almost certain to be followed by other similar attempts.

The infectious nature of panic is well illustrated in the tragic records of fires in theatres and assemblies.

Medical history reports many instances in which tics, tremors and convulsions of a psychopathic nature appeared in schools and communities and spread in a manner comparable to infectious diseases.

During the middle centuries the world was swept time and time again by many bizarre epidemics of weeping, howling, screaming, leaping and dancing.

Paracelsus (1493-1541) described such an epidemic mania for dancing.

In the light of these facts and because psychologic states are known to be transmissible one must seriously question the wisdom of exposing oneself to the effects of morbid and gruesome recitations, pictures, plays, etc., a practice which has become rather wide-spread in these days of realism.

Johnny Shaw, guard, is the only regular returning for the Duke basketball team.

Wide Variety Of Gifts Available To Select From

By Jane Eads

NEW YORK (AP)—Men aren't so difficult to buy Christmas presents for this year.

A wide variety of gifts, many of them innovations, suggest themselves for all types and classes.

If he travels, a man would appreciate the smart pliers, sock and hide bags, or leather tie and handkerchief boxes to keep these accessories from getting mixed with the shirts and pajamas.

If he is a sports enthusiast, there are winter sports shirts of all wool fabric with a shoulder strap for a pack; suede jackets with lots of pockets; space, suede vests; pullover sweaters of angora or jersey with matching hose; bright blue, red or yellow brushed wool, cashmere, or flannel mufflers; or wool lined leather gloves.

If he follows the hounds, plays polo, or keeps up with the races, he would be delighted with a yellow flannel hunting vest; the image of Twenty Grand or Gallant Fox crystallized in cuff links; or a riding crop.

There are handsome scarfs for evening wear of a silk and wool mixture; a set of silk braces with matching garters; fine, soft kid gloves; smartly monogrammed handkerchiefs, shirt studs of black pearl; all manner of flasks, cigarette cases and lighters, the newest being of black enamel decorated with modernistic patterns in silver.

There are backgammon tables, roulette wheels, poker sets, and chess, checkers, cribbage and bridge sets. If he plays cards in the wide outdoors beside a campfire, or at his winter lodge, there are aluminum cards which may be washed again and again.

Jokester "Debunked"

The famous Joe Miller, an English actor, whose collection of jests has earned for him the title of "Father of Jest," is said by historians to have been incapable of even a single joke and that the book going under his name was written by a Mr. Mettley.

Trife of Truth

It takes a beauty surgeon to lift a face, but a little money and mighty little brains will lift a nose.

Noticeable Fact

"Dah am sunprin' waf while no-tlein," said Uncle Eben, "In de fact dat when politics am de plentifullest, col'n bread am lib'le ter be sk'n'se."—Washington Star.

Historical Study

History was not taken up until the Nineteenth century in the schools of the United States. One of the earliest histories prepared for school use was written by a citizen of Massachusetts. This was in 1821. In 1822 Rev. G. A. Goodrich published his history. In 1832 Noah Webster published his history of the United States for schools.

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