

CRESWELL

Court of Honor

Boy Scout troop 28 held Court of Honor December 13 and made the following advancements: Life scout, Robert Walker and Eugene Wright; Star scout, Lester Miller and Richard Walker; first class, George Adams and Rex Hutchinson; second class, Royce Bartel, Dee Burns, Gerald Nichols, Bill Reppy, and Bruce Walker.

The following merit badges were given: civics, George Adams, Rex Hutchinson, Lester Miller, Merlin Olmeken, Richard Wauken, Robert Walker, and Eugene Wright; home repairs, George Adams, Lester Miller, Richard Walker; cooking, Rex Hutchinson, Eugene Wright; animal industry, Rex Hutchinson; woodwork, Rex Hutchinson; art, Lester Miller; plumbing, Lester Miller, Richard Walker; wood carving, Lester Miller, Richard Walker; rabbit raising, Richard Walker; physical development and pioneering, Robert Walker and Eugene Wright; poultry keeping, Eugene Wright.

Committee chairman, E. W. Hoagland, presided over the court and was assisted by committee men, James Coleman and Al Webb and Scout master, Leonard Ziniker and assistants, Jim Shoop and David Shoop. Robert Walker received a special award for perfect attendance for two years and Richard Walker for perfect attendance for one year.

Presbyterians Elect

Elder A. R. Land reported an active membership of 78 at the annual meeting of the Presbyterian church and Sunday School December 14th at the Civic Club house. The Sunday School has an enrollment of 129. H. A. Simmons was elected elder for a three year term and the other elders are A. R.

Land and Dale Ziniker, Mrs. G. L. Decker was elected trustee for the three year term and the other trustees are E. A. Green, Forest Klingensmith, Miles Wicks, and Mrs. K. C. Schwering. Mrs. H. A. Simmons was elected treasurer; Mrs. Albert Guggisberg, choir leader and Mrs. Al Bartel, pianist. Mrs. Richard Campbell was elected superintendent of the Sunday School; Mrs. Conan Olson, assistant superintendent; Mrs. Klingensmith, secretary; Mrs. Norman Skaggs, treasurer; Marjorie Ziniker, pianist; and Mrs. Klingensmith, assistant pianist.

Creswell Grange will hold a Christmas party following their meeting Thursday evening, Dec. 23rd. A gift exchange will be held with gifts not to exceed 50c for adults and 25c for children. Each member is to bring candy and popcorn. A program is being planned and will include several surprise numbers.

WSSCS of the Methodist church enjoyed a luncheon and Christmas party at the home of Mrs. Irma Ogram Wednesday, Mrs. George Ross was in charge of the program and Mrs. E. R. Fisher held the devotions.

The Youth group of the Grange is planning a Watch Party for New Years Eve. Refreshments will be sold.

Mrs. R. D. Hartman of San Jose, Calif. is visiting with her sisters, Mrs. Sidney Cooke, and Mrs. Richard Dwyer and her brother, Wayne Lytle and family.

Roland Olbekson, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Olbekson, is home on leave from the army air corp.

Private Walter Golding, U. S. Army, stationed in California, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. V. Golding.

Clarence Jackson and Principal Lawrence Chestnut have returned from several days at Sacramento, Calif.

Mrs. A. J. Gabriel entertained the Probyterian Ladies Aid at her home December 15th with a Christmas party as a feature attraction. The Aid has purchased new offering plates for the church and an electric range for the manse. Mrs. Loren Lind was a guest and there were 29 adults and four children present.

Odd Fellows met the evening of December 15 and set January 5 as the date for installation of new officers. A Christmas party followed with the Rebekahs and families present. Gifts were exchanged and treats were given out by Santa Claus.

Free Christmas Show

All of Creswell Community children are invited to the free show at the Star Theater Friday, Dec. 24 from 6:30 until 8 p.m. Free treats will be given out after the show and Christmas Carols will be sung. The Veterans of Foreign Wars are working with Arthur Johnson, manager of the theater, to make this possible.

The third and fourth grades will present a pageant, "A Borrowed Christmas," based upon American customs adopted from those of our foreign friends, at the grade school, Dec. 22. The seventh and eighth grade choir will sing several numbers.

Eastern Star held their last meeting of the year Thursday evening and enjoyed a Christmas program, gifts and treats.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Cawford, son and daughter-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Cope, have taken over as managers of the Cope Cafe. Mr. and Mrs. Cawford came here recently from New Orleans, La. Mrs. Cope is in ill health so had to give up her work.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Franklin of Georgetown, Calif., visited last week with Mr. and Mrs. John Mullanix and the Robert Franklin family.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Bartel and Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Ziniker attended a meeting of the Knife and Fork club in Eugene Tuesday evening.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Coleman in Portland Sunday, Dec. 12, and has been named James Gary. The baby is a grand-

From Whence Christmas Traditions, Customs Came



(By Herb Fuller)

Have you ever thought of where all the Christmas customs you observe and have observed all your life came from? Well, in case you don't know, and are interested, here's a brief history of some of the yuletide customs.

Santa Claus

The legend of Santa Claus, or Saint Nicholas as he is otherwise known, was derived and developed from a true person; one of the youngest and kindest bishops of the Roman Catholic church, Saint Nicholas.

During the middle ages, St. Nicholas gradually became the patron saint of the European schoolboys. The boys celebrated the Saint on a feast day that is believed to have been around December 6 each year by electing a "boy-bishop for-a-day"; dressing him in magnificent robes of saintly attire and parading him through the streets. After such pageantry, there was much feasting; but the whole affair was supposed to have been solemn.

As time went on, this custom died out; but Saint Nick remained the favorite patron saint of the children. It came to be that the children and old folk celebrated the now legend of Saint Nicholas by having a person, dressed in saintly attire, ride a white donkey through the streets, on or near

Christmas Eve, representing the Saint, and leave gifts to the good and bundles of switches for the bad in their shoes. This custom is still followed in the Netherlands and Belgium.

This habit of the Saint, or his counterpart, of bringing gifts close to Christmas gradually became a custom and spread to the Americas at the time of the Dutch settlers in what is now New York City.

The English speaking kids of the colonies had a hard time with the Dutch pronunciation of St. Nicholas and finally, when hurriedly spoken, to Santy or Santa Claus. Only American kids, as a whole, call this patron saint of childhood Santa Claus.

It was Washington Irving that first started the idea of the magic sleigh in which Santa rides in his "Knickerbocker's History of New York," when he described Santa as a jolly fellow with a broad brimmed hat, huge breeches, smoking a long pipe and riding over the treetops in a magic wagon.

In 1822, Clement C. Moore

wrote a poem for his children, "A Visit From Saint Nicholas" or, as it is more widely known by its starting line, "Twas the night before Christmas." This poem soon became, and still is, a basis as to the conception of a young child's thoughts as to what the legend of Santa Claus is, what he looks like, and his fabulous method of transportation; the magic sleigh (which is a slight change over Irving's wagon) and the team of reindeer. Moore's ideas of St. Nick seem to stand from 1822 to the present as we see the familiar sight of the "department store Santa."

The Christmas Tree

The Christmas tree was believed to have been started in early Rome and it is also known that tree worship was common in early Scandinavian countries. The Swedes and Norwegians still place a small fir tree or branch on the ridge pole of a newly built house for good luck.

When the Pagans of Northern

Europe became Christians, the sacred evergreen trees became a part of the Christmas festivities. They decorated the trees with gilded nuts, candles (a carry-over from sun worship) and apples to stand for the stars, moon and sun. The custom of decorating the Christmas trees still carries on to the present, but the idea behind it seems to be a human custom or force of habit rather than that of the purpose of the early Pagans.

The Yule Log

The origin and meaning of the yule log is not known but the Druids blessed it with great ceremony at the winter feast (which gradually developed into the Christmas feast) and the unburnt pieces were kept to start the next year's fire. The log's ashes were regarded as sacred and thought to bring fertility to the soil.

The exchanging of gifts, as you probably know, probably started at the time when the three wise

men presented their precious gifts to the newly born Christ Child. —Lions Roar

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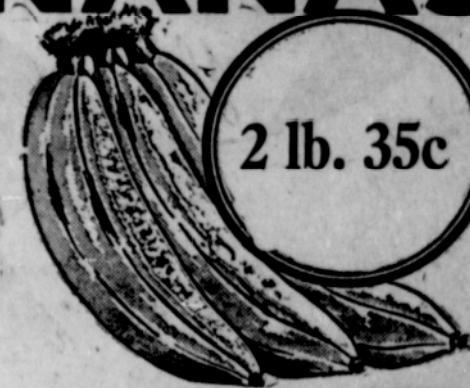
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