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SANTA CLAUS TO BE HERE FRIDAY EVENING

Shetterly Is New C.C. Vice Prexy

Ted Gillespie, George Morris and Bill Jarvis at Head of Xmas Program

The Willamina Commercial club met in regular session Monday noon in the basement of the local M. E. church with 19 members present to enjoy a fine luncheon prepared by the Ladies Aid of the church. The newly elected president, Al Newby, presided. Much of the time was given over to discussion of the coming Christmas program, and Ted Gillespie, chairman of the committee, reported that appropriate decorations would be put in place Tuesday evening, and that Santa Claus would be on hand Friday afternoon to distribute candy, nuts and fruit to the kiddies in this community. Ted stated that the Willamina Civic club was assisting the commercial group with the arrangements.

The club drew up a petition endorsing and recommending the appointment of Mrs. Esther Fawk as postmaster here to fill the vacancy created by the death of her husband, Frank H. Fawk, last week. The entire club signed the petition which was to be presented to the postal inspector.

Due to the fact that Frank Fawk was vice president of the Commercial club, President Newby declared nominations would be open for that office. K. E. Shetterly and H. A. Parrett were nominated, and when the ballots were counted, each had nine votes. In order to decide the election, a coin was flipped, and K. E. Shetterly was declared the new vice president.

Because the next regular meeting date falls on January 1, a legal holiday, the club will not meet again until Monday, Jan. 8, unless a special meeting is called by the president.

Sheridan Unit Notes

It is Christmas time again for the whole world and it is almost time for us to light our Christmas candles. For many, it will be a glad time. For those who have lost members of their own families or friends since the last holiday time, the joy is lessened and some sadness has replaced the happiness.

Few people even the members themselves, except they have served on the hospital or welfare committees, realize the wide scope of assistance given by the American Legion auxiliary during the holiday times.

For the veterans, thousands of them, in the hospitals all over the country, from the ill effects of the World war and other wars, Xmas time is perhaps one of the few times when it is possible for them to forget their sufferings for a time at least.

It has long been the program of the American Legion auxiliary to see to it that the men in the veterans' hospitals, have a pleasant Xmas. To provide every man with a gift is an enormous undertaking, yet this is done. Each hospitalized veteran receives from the hospital committee some appropriate gift from the auxiliary. Through this committee, the hospital is decorated with lighted trees and every room has something suggestive of the holiday spirit. If there is a dinner or other social affair for those who are able to reach the dining room, the auxiliary will have seasonal favors on the tables.

This year in Oregon in addition to the money that is sent in each month to purchase articles not furnished by the government, the men receive donated gifts from the various units. It will be as merry a time as the conditions of the patients will permit.

For the veteran to know that his family at home will have a nice dinner on that day, will ease his mind to some degree. For those families who are financially unable to provide themselves with a real Xmas dinner, the auxiliary sends Xmas dinners, baskets of good things to these families.

Through the community service program, the units send Xmas dinners to the needy of the community other than veterans.

City Library Puts Many New Books on Shelves

At the meeting of the library board Monday evening, Dec. 18, three new books were placed on the rented shelf: "Next to Valor" by John Jennings; "Children of God" by Vordis Fisher; "An American Doctor's Odyssey" by Victor Heiser. The fee is 10 cents a week.

The following books were taken off the rental shelf and are now on the free list: "The Yearling" by Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings; "Wisdom's Gate" by Margaret Ayer Lane; "All This and Heaven Too" by Rachel Field; "The Citadel" by Cronin; "Song of Years" by Bess Streeter Aldrich; "Disputed Passage" by Loyd C. Douglas.

A check for \$10 from the city was received by the board. Approximately 120 books are being loaned each week.

Willamina Hospital Reports Patients Are Improving

Carney Melby was taken to Dr. Tomlinson in a state of shock Tuesday noon. He is employed by John Van Vleck. He fell 20 feet from the roof of the mill, striking his head and right side. X-rays were taken immediately. Since he was working alone, it is not known how long he lay unconscious.

Guy Fendall, who was brought to the hospital a week ago Tuesday in a critical condition, continues to improve.

Geo. S. Phillips, Sheridan, came to the hospital Monday for treatment, following a severe infection of the hand as the result of a splinter.

Willamina Townsend Club To Hold Social Dec. 27th

Willamina Townsend club will hold its monthly social evening Wednesday, Dec. 27, at the Rebekah hall. There will be the annual election of officers and all members are urged to be present.

There will be a short Christmas program followed by the usual refreshments. Ladies are asked to bring pie or cake.

Esther Fawk Appointed Acting Postmaster Here

Announcement was made Wednesday morning of this week that Mrs. Esther Fawk, wife of the late Frank H. Fawk, had been appointed acting postmaster for the Willamina office. The appointment came from the postal inspector who was here Tuesday. Mrs. Fawk had held the position as assistant postmaster, having been appointed by her husband before his death.

WILLAMINA GROCERY STORES NAME CLOSING HOURS AFTER JAN. 1st

It has been announced that Willamina grocery stores will operate on a new schedule beginning Tuesday, Jan. 2, 1940. Closing hours for week days will be 6 p.m., and on Saturdays at 9 p.m.

Stores participating in this new schedule are Ted's Red & White Store, Fairway Market, Bunn's Market and Casey's Variety Store.

Mr. and Mrs. John Vollman and daughter, Virginia of Ballston visited Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. I. A. Ruef.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Turnidge and Miss Thelma Turnidge visited relatives and friends in Portland over the weekend.

Mrs. H. A. Parrett in company with Mrs. Adolph Pelzer of Sheridan recently attended the birthday party of Mary Ann Snyder and Master George Benedict at McMinnville. Mrs. Snyder and Mrs. Benedict were hostesses to the little tots, all under two years old. Both were born the same day.

J. W. CUMMINGS IS NEW CITY NIGHT OFFICER AND NIGHT WATCHMAN

The city council announced that J. W. Cummings has been appointed night officer and watchman for Willamina. Officer Cummings' salary was fixed at \$75 per month, the business men of the city contributing approximately \$30 of the amount. The new officer went on duty Monday night.

Mr. Cummings lives near Willamina and comes highly recommended, having served several years on the police force at Colorado Springs, Colo., and other places. He respectfully requests the cooperation of everyone in this community.

Salesman Injured in Auto-Train Accident on Friday

Earl D. Bender, McMinnville salesman, narrowly escaped death last Friday noon when his automobile struck a Southern Pacific freight train at the crossing just west of Sheridan on the highway. He was rushed to the McMinnville hospital where Dr. M. Russell of Sheridan reported he suffered compound fractures of the arm and leg. Latest reports indicate he is getting along nicely and will recover soon.

Bender's car, a late model, was badly wrecked. Several accidents have occurred at this crossing recently, and it is reported that folks in this community are demanding that the railroad company install a swinging bell signal.

Plywood Employees Raise \$357 Here to Aid Finland

A no-host old-fashioned Swedish-Finnish Christmas party and dinner sponsored by the people of the plywood mill was held Saturday night at the Rebekah hall. The Christmas tree was beautifully decorated by Mrs. T. R. Mattson, Mrs. Laurie Johnston and Mrs. Hendrickson. Only candles were used for lighting. There were about 50 people present to enjoy a fine children's program of singing, tap dancing and readings after the program the rest of the evening was spent dancing.

Mrs. Mattson reports \$357 has been raised by the people connected with the plywood mill to aid the people of Finland.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd James were McMinnville visitors Wednesday.

Willamina Commercial Club and Willamina Civic Club Will Sponsor City Gathering Here This Friday Afternoon Between 5 and 6 o'clock

SANTA CLAUS WILL DISTRIBUTE CANDY TO KIDS

Business Men and Various Individuals Contribute Large Amount for City's Christmas Decorations; Folks Urged to Trade in Willamina

Santa Claus is coming to Willamina! According to reports from his North Pole headquarters, he is due to arrive on the Main street of Willamina about 5:00 o'clock Friday afternoon. Ted Gillespie, who heads the Commercial club's Christmas committee, states that he received a letter direct from Santa which said he would have plenty of candy, nuts and fruit for

the kiddies in this community—that is, all the boys and girls who have been GOOD during the past year.

Bill Jarvis and George Morris, other members of the committee, reported that they received communications from Santa also, and that Santa had left special displays of Christmas merchandise for gifts at many of Willamina's stores. He suggested that parents be sure to visit these stores for their last minute gifts and for their groceries for the Christmas dinner.

Santa Claus also sent his sincere thanks and appreciation to Ted Gillespie, George Morris, Bill Jarvis and all the other members of the Commercial club and Civic club for their help and cooperation in decorating the city appropriate for his arrival here Friday afternoon.

So, all you GOOD little boys and girls, be sure to be on Main street in Willamina Friday afternoon about 5:00 o'clock, and tell Daddy and Mother to be sure to do their shopping and trading at Willamina stores.

XMAS GREETINGS!

The business and professional men whose season's greetings appear in this Christmas issue of The Willamina Times sincerely appreciate the assistance and cooperation you have given to make this a happy Christmas for them. They take this opportunity to extend their Christmas greetings to you and also to wish you a most happy and prosperous New Year.

The Willamina Times also wishes to take this opportunity to extend the season's greetings to each and every reader of The Times. May the New Year bring much prosperity and happiness.

HILLCREST BUS ROUTE NOW OPEN TO BIDDERS

On another page of this issue will be found the legal notice to bidders on the school bus route known as the Willamina-Hillcrest-Fort Junction route. Bids on this route will be accepted until 8 p.m., Friday, Jan. 5, 1940, at the home of Lucy F. Huddleston, clerk of school district 30-44, Yamhill-Polk counties.

Occasion for the bids was made last week when the bus which had been operating over the route was completely destroyed by fire. The contract will be for a period of five years.

Xmas Program Slated

A fine Christmas program is being planned and will be presented at the Willamina Free Methodist church on Christmas eve, Dec. 24, at 7:30. Space prohibits the publishing of the entire program as outlined, but a cordial invitation is extended everyone. Free treats for all the kiddies will be given.

Smith Building Now Being Repaired and Renovated For Community Hall Here

Earl Smith, owner of the building on Main streets formerly occupied by the Willamina Plumbing & Heating company, announced early this week that plans are going ahead to repair and renovate the building so that it may be used for a community hall.

This will be an added and much-needed improvement to the city. Mr. Smith states that work will be rushed and he expects to have the building in readiness within 30 days.

Local M.E. Churches Will Present Programs Sunday

Christmas programs will be features of the morning services next Sunday at Butler and at Grand Ronde from 10 to 12 o'clock with a short address by the pastor at one point and by Mrs. Schreiber at the other.

At Willamina, the Epworth League meets at 6:30 p.m., and a Christmas service will be held at 7:30. The public is invited to all services.

The special offerings from Sunday schools are to be used this year to help purchase a much-needed truck for use by a former Oregon boy now serving a fine mission field in Africa.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Waibel and son David spent Saturday at the home of his brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. L. Stauss at Hillsboro.

Mrs. John Eliassen of Estacada came Tuesday and took her mother, Mrs. J. R. Whitcomb to Portland where she remained at the home of her son, W. J. Ball, and while there took medical treatment. Her son, Lloyd Whitcomb, brought her home Friday.

Guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Waibel Sunday were Jim Liebman of Cornelius, Miss Esther Waibel of McMinnville and Mr. and Mrs. Jake Ringler and children of Sheridan.

Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Roof had as weekend guests Mr. and Mrs. Bob Kitchen of Portland. They all spent Sunday at the coast.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Kershaw made a business trip to Portland on Monday.

THE LETTER TO SANTA

