

Christmas Program Held Orenco School

(By Mrs. Gail Karns) ORENCO—The church and school program combined was held at the school house last Wednesday evening with a large crowd in attendance.

Mrs. Beach and Mrs. Carlyle had as their house guests over the weekend Mr. and Mrs. Alexander and Jerry and Jean of Thacher.

A Christmas party was held at the school house Thursday afternoon. Games were played, gifts were exchanged and refreshments served.

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Stewart and family of Portland were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Evans. Mr. Stewart returned Monday, while Mrs. Stewart and children will spend the week here.

Mrs. Carlyle attended the Christmas program at the Thacher school Friday evening. Jerry and Jean Alexander, her grandchildren, had prominent parts.

Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Hall and daughters Betty and Joyce and Mrs. Sadie Zienke of Eugene spent Christmas and Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Beck.

Reynolds Rent Home Mr. and Mrs. Gay Reynolds and family have rented a home at Mause and plan to move there next week.

Mrs. Wilfert Home Mrs. Ernest Wilfert returned Saturday after spending several months in New York and Pennsylvania. Mrs. Wright returned by way of Los Angeles, visiting with Joe Wilfert, who formerly lived here.

Laurel Acres Club Hosts to Children (By Mrs. Lewis Raymond) LAUREL ACRES—Thirty-six children of grade school age were guests at a Christmas party sponsored by the Ladies' club at the home of Mrs. J. P. Robertson, December 22. Bags of candy, oranges and popcorn were gifts to 38 kiddies of this locality. The adult Christmas party sponsored by the club was held at the C. F. Robinson home the same evening with 32 present.

Presenters were distributed from a tree as members of the club drew names and C. F. Robinson presented gifts to the men in the group.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Duncan had their Christmas dinner party at the home of Mrs. Tom Duncan. L. D. Rose, Ted Rose and Hervey Brosher, Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Roberts and son Jackie.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Martz and sons were guests of Mr. Martz's mother of Woodburn over Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Aue had a family gathering at their home as Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Aue and sons of the Dalles joined their parents and brother, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Aue, Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Raymond joined the family group at her mother's home at Rose Lodge Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Mrs. I. O. Neimi returned with them from the coast country Sunday to spend several days to complete a series of sinus treatments which she had started last week while staying with her sister here.

Mr. and Mrs. Al Rank were surprised at the return of their son, Kenneth, Tuesday night to spend the Christmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bowen were guests of her mother, Mrs. Louis Heim, from Friday to Monday. Mrs. Heim and Edward returned with the young couple to Corbett until after New Year's.

Club meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Dan O'Rear December 29. Hostesses were Mrs. Wilbur Rose, Mrs. Wayne Mullivan and Mrs. Lewis Raymond.

Dancing Star



Fred Astaire the screen's number one dancer, who starred with George Burns and Gracie Allen in "A Damsel in Distress" at the New Hill theatre Sunday, Monday and Tuesday. A double bill, "The Barrier" and "Second Honey" is slated for this week—Friday and Saturday. "The Awful Truth," starring Irene Dunne and Cary Grant, opens a four-day run at the Hill next Wednesday.

Young Criminals Gain in Number

(Continued from page 1) crime is being worked in the schools. Do not let public schools sound and drive the old maxim "Honesty is the best policy" as hard as they should," he asked, and then urged the concentration upon such movements as the Boy Scouts and other worthwhile boys' clubs.

In 13 years of law enforcement work, Spears said, he has never handled a crime in which a Boy Scout or former Boy Scout had been involved.

Home Importance Stressed Proper, normal care of the child, together with a healthy home life, are the greatest deterrents to crime that can be found, it was asserted, and the youth who gets the proper start with their aid seldom is found in the ranks of the law-breakers.

Speaking on the setup and functioning of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, G-Man Spears explained that it had been founded in 1908 as an outgrowth of the Secret Service of the treasury department, being subsequently transferred to the department of justice.

Congressional changes of several years ago, transferring numerous duties to shoulders of FBI men, served to throw the unsolicited spotlight of public attention on G-Men, who now handle practically all offenses against Federal law except liquor, narcotics and customs.

Passage of such new acts as the "Lindbergh Kidnap Law" have served to bring them further into the public gaze in a handling spectacular type crimes.

FBI Cuts Bank Robberies Exemplifying the efficiency of FBI functioning, Spears told of the cutting down in bank-robberies since a 1934 congressional act put robbery of any bank which is a member of the Federal Reserve into the hands of the G-Men. Instead of 15 bank robberies a month, the average has fallen to four. One resultant saving is reduction of bank insurance rates by 20 per cent in 35 states.

Special agents of the bureau now number about 650, made up of men selected between 23 and 35 years of age, Spears said. Intensive training is the rule for each man before he becomes a full-fledged FBI agent, with 14 weeks in the Washington

headquarters school being required. One full week is devoted to becoming expert with the various types of guns and weapons employed by the government law enforcers. Numbered in FBI's corps are men from all walks of life, who hold their posts through competitive examination results and non-political appointments. A candidate must be a graduate lawyer, an expert accountant or have a special record with a law enforcing body.

Co-ordination is Aim Of intense interest to Bureau members is the promotion of co-ordination between state, county, city and village peace authorities, Spears explained. With this aim in mind, the bureau maintains the federal fingerprint records in Washington. These total 7,700,000, with 4000 a day coming in from over 10,000 enforcement bodies throughout the country. Usefulness of the files is clearly pointed out by the fact that 50 per cent of the records sent in are found to be on men already indexed, showing dominance of the "repeater" in law-breaking.

A civilian fingerprint file is also now maintained at Washington, Spears informed, has listed as a fingerprint records included those come either from the army, navy or through voluntary cards. Its value is indicated by the fact that every year over 6000 unknown people are buried in pattern fields throughout the country, Spears said, while these fingerprint records would make identification possible. Amnesia cases and many other similar cases make this new feature of the bureau a necessary one.

Four Guests Present Guests at Monday's meeting included W. H. Ragdale of The Dalles, brought by J. L. Seary; Harry Hansen, guest of John Wismer; and Lawrence Crowley and Keith Richardson, guests of C. T. Richardson. Ben Faber and Paul Patterson were selected by Mayor J. H. Garrett, chairman of the community relations committee, to bring farmer guests to next week's meeting.

David Hazen, interviewer extraordinary of The Oregonian, was announced as the speaker for next week's luncheon meeting, and will discuss some of his experiences while on interviewing assignments.

Firdale-Iowa Hill

(By Mrs. John Haase) FIRDALE-IOWA HILL—Christmas dinner party guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Haase were Mr. and Mrs. John Goetz and son Norman, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Fleen and daughters Shirlee and Velma, Mr. and Mrs. Victor Brandt, Reuben and Ed Brandt.

Elmer Muhly, student at a college in St. Louis, Mo., and Irene Long of Portland spent the Christmas holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Muhly and family.

Mrs. Clara Whitford, teacher of the Firdale school, gave a Christmas party for the school children on Friday afternoon, consisting of singing, reciting and playing games. Everyone was given a treat and each child received a gift from the teacher.

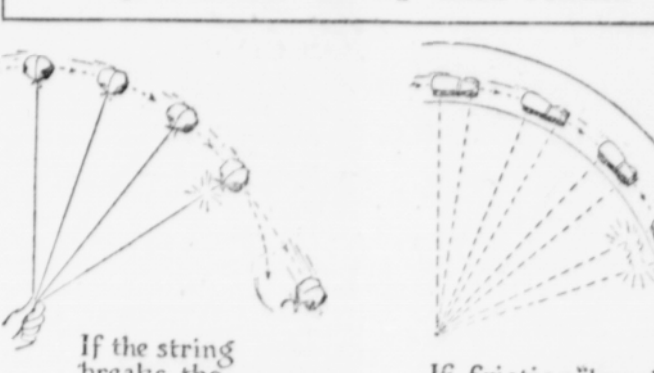
Alvin and Mildred Haase, who are attending the Lutheran Parochial school in Blooming and staying with their grandparents, are spending their Christmas vacation with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Haase.

Christmas dinner party guests at the Fred Muhly home were Mr. and Mrs. John Haase and children, Alvin, Mildred and Lucille, Louis Neukirch, Leonard Muhly and a child, Arlene and Norma, William Hermy and sons Daniel and Earl, Henry Hering and children, Bernice, Pauline and Raymond, Irene Lorenz, John Steele, Robert and Richard Zagel, Elmer, Fred, Albert, Oscar, Lester, Walter, and Blanche Muhly.

Miss Louise Peters, who is teaching the Puddin' school at Forest Grove, spent the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Peters.

Help your correspondent send in early copy. Some Friday or Saturday if possible.

Sportsmanlike Driving—Road Friction



The above illustration is self-explanatory. It shows the part that friction plays in causing an automobile to skid. It shows the need for greater caution on curves. It is a practical lesson in the art of Sportsmanlike Driving.

Pupils in Program at Kansas City

(By Mrs. J. A. McCoy) KANSAS CITY—Quite a number of people turned out Friday night to hear the Kansas City school spiritmas program at the hall in Christmas of the stormy weather.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Vanderzanden and their children, Audrey and Louise left Friday for Elsie, where they spent Christmas with Mrs. Vanderzanden's sister, Mrs. William Buell, and her mother, Mrs. Harvey Rogers. They returned to their home Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Pixler and little daughter, Jean of Portland, spent the week-end, with Mr. Pixler's mother-in-law and sister, Mrs. J. A. McCoy. Ethel McCoy returned home with them to spend her Christmas vacation.

Ralph Vanderzanden has been ill the past week. Jean of Portland's ordinary of The Oregonian, was announced as the speaker for next week's luncheon meeting, and will discuss some of his experiences while on interviewing assignments.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Vanderzanden entertained Christmas day for Mr. and Mrs. J. A. McCoy and daughter Ethel, Leola Vanderzanden and Peter Dyke, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Pixler and little daughter Jean of Portland. The evening was spent in playing "500" and pinocle.

Christmas day party guests at the M. J. Vanderzanden home were Mr. and Mrs. George Vandehy, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Busch of Hillsboro and Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Barnes.

Mr. and Mrs. Delmar Garrison have as their guests Mr. Garrison's mother and father from Arkansas.

A strawberry meeting was held Monday evening at the J. P. Vanderzanden home. Mr. Cane of Salem and Bill Bradford of Portland gave the berry situation against the 17-foot flood. The \$75,000 dike had been under savage punishment from the swirling backwaters of the Tualatin since Christmas day. Swift current had cut away the dike at a point near the Brown and Hayes office on the Tualatin valley highway side of the Wapato lake bed. The old lake was again covered with water, to a depth of about four feet, it was declared.

Barney Reports Damage At least three small wooden bridges were washed out by the storm, according to County Engineer J. W. Barney, in a report released yesterday. Two bridges over Fanno creek near Tigard were torn loose by the water, and another north of Tobias. General damage to earth-fill bridge approaches was heavy, he reported, necessitating a constant patrol of all sections.

An old slide on the Timber Hill road started moving, but up to yesterday was not serious enough to shut off traffic. Serious slides were reported on the Cochran road, which is completely blocked. Many small slides were reported from all over the mountain sections, as soil, weakened by constant soaking for the past month and churned to mud by this week's rains, slipped across many roads.

Sections Cut Off Minter bridge, providing the only communication towards the south, was kept open throughout the storm up to a late hour yesterday, with before the danger point in reaching Barney said. The road south of Cornelius was also kept open, but all other roads leading across the Tualatin from Gaston to Scio were closed.

Bridge at Westimer was seriously endangered by drifts, but was in a safe condition Wednesday morning as crews worked all Tuesday night with a large tractor moving the drift.

Flood waters were reported dropping yesterday in some of the smaller streams, but were raising noticeably in the river and its larger tributaries. No damage is expected to the larger bridges, the county engineer's report said, particularly those over the Tualatin.

County equipment was used plowing snow Christmas day and night and again Sunday night and Monday until rain cleared the Timber road. Barney reported practically no traffic over Timber Hill until about 10 p. m. Christmas day.

Probably the most expensive piece of road damage during the storm occurred on the Shady Brook road on Dixie Mountain, where a mud slide covered the road for a distance of 200 feet according to County Engineer J. W. Barney. Closing of the whole section of the road by the slide cut off the whole section of the country from direct communication with Hillsboro. Only access to it had via Portland and the Rocky Point road, he said.

Raging waters tearing down a steep slope on the Baseline road, two miles east of Hillsboro, dug out half the road for a distance of 300 feet early Monday morning and covered the road to a depth of nearly four feet for an entire day. The road was open to one-way traffic Tuesday morning as flood waters of the creek passed into the Tualatin river.

Washout of the Baseline road after midnight Sunday tore out a section of the Portland Gas & Coke company's line, according to a report at the company office. As a result the gas was shut off for a time in that section of the country, with part of the northeast section of the city of Hillsboro also affected by the break.

Highways from Forest Grove to Banks and from Forest Grove to Dilley were blocked by overflowing streams Monday, and in one case was reported to be 27 inches above road surface. Dilley district farms, undisturbed by water during the past 10 years, were reported covered.

Gales Creek broke loose and attacked farms which it had not molested in 23 years, a report said, with a large number of them being flooded. J. H. Maloney's Clear Creek fish hatchery was completely under water, and most of the stocked trout were washed over the dam and into swirling flood waters.

Workers at the Stimson mill were allowed to leave work at 2 p. m. Monday when word was received from the state highway department that the mill men might not be able to reach home in safety later on in the day. The mill yard in Scoggins valley was almost completely submerged. Outlying camps of the Stimson mill were reported safe after telephone lines which had been down or torn loose were repaired and messages received.

Hillsboro Homes Hit Water backing up in storm sewers caused considerable damage to

basements in the northeast section of Hillsboro, with the Morris Well and Paul Patterson homes suffering most. Basements in both homes were nearly filled with water Sunday night, with heating plants put out of commission. Furniture and furnishings in the basement of the Well home and a new oil burner were reported damaged.

Fast work on the part of fire department workers and their pumpers kept busy most of Sunday night and at intervals afterwards emptying flood water from basements.

Clem's Place bowling alleys on Main street were threatened for a time by water, and the pits at the rear of the alleys were filled Sunday night.

Electric Lines Holding Lines of the Portland General Electric company were weathering the storm in good shape, according to R. R. Easter, district manager. A number of outages have been reported, but in most cases have been for a very short time, and none affected a very large area, he said.

Power in the vicinity of Reedville was cut out for a short while just before midnight Tuesday when wind blew a branch across the lines near Beaverton, cutting off the supply. A momentary power cutoff was noticed here Sunday night, but the cause was located in Portland when a slide between the Oaks park and the Station "L" plant tore out a pole and interrupted service for a brief time before the power was sent through another line. General service conditions were termed "good" despite the storm. A number of poles which have been tipped or partially undetermined will have to be reset later, Easter said.

Strong winds that whipped the countryside Monday night and early Tuesday morning destroyed at least one home as they fanned sparks into flames which completely destroyed the small home of Edwin Marshall, three miles east of Hillsboro on the main highway. No great damage was reported from the wind in this vicinity, however, although a number of trees were uprooted and broken branches blown across numerous roads throughout the county. Snow in higher areas was melted considerably by the 12-hour wind, however, adding considerable water to already flooded creeks and streams.

HELVETIA—Monday the road by Helvetia station was impassable. The water under the trestle was up to the door of a milk truck.

MOUNTAIN HOME—Heavy rains of the first of the week caused considerable damage to roads in this vicinity. Soil erosion here is becoming more of a problem each year, and storms such as these wash ditches in freshly plowed fields.

FARMINGTON—This community is almost marooned, with the Road Jackson and Christensen bridges closed to traffic.

Road Damaged LAUREL—The record rainfall the first of the week caused much damage to roads in this vicinity. The water on the flats was much increased by the melting of the snow, which fell Friday night, covering to a depth of 13 inches on Bald Peak. Traffic from Rutschman place

had to be routed around through the F. L. Brown place.

Basements Filled ORENCO—Basements were filled with water here Monday, and many were unable to use their furnaces due to high water. Streets were covered with water in several places. The Baseline road was closed due to a bridge being out.

ROCK CREEK—As a result of the heavy rains of Sunday and Monday and the snow which fell Friday and Saturday, many acres of bottom land in this section, mainly along Rock Creek and along the creek in the western part of this section, are flooded.

State Board Sets Forestry Hearing A hearing will be held at the court house here at 3 p. m. January 31 by the state board of forestry for the purpose of considering the proposal of the board to recommend for classification as reforestation lands certain lands in this county. Objections, suggestions, arguments and remonstrances will be heard. A list of these lands, with their descriptions, is on file with the county assessor and may be examined.

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Happy New Year advertisement for Fred's Superior Market, listing various meats and products with prices.

Columbia Food Co. advertisement featuring New Year's Best Wishes and a list of products like coffee, tobacco, dates, olives, and more.

Happy New Year advertisement for Armour's Star Pork & Beans, listing various food items and their prices.