

Xmas Program Aloha Church Sunday Night

ALOHA-HUBER—A pageant, "Christmas Giving," will be presented at the Community Baptist church Sunday, December 21, at 8 p. m. The choir is preparing special music for the occasion.

Xmas Party Today
Queen Esther Circle of the Baptist church is holding its annual Christmas party and luncheon today (Thursday) at the church at 12:30.

Program Sunday
Assembly of God church gives a Christmas program Sunday, December 21 at 11 o'clock.

Builds New House
S. J. Valley has started the construction of a house on his acreage on North Washington street. Walter Klatt is safely home from a sea-faring trip.

On Pacific "Somewhere"
Many of his friends here received Christmas cards from Bessie Little, dated December 2. He is in the navy somewhere in the Pacific.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas J. Traugber, a daughter, December 8, at Jones hospital, Hillsboro. She has been named Terry Jane.

Corporal Gunther in School
Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Gunther Monday received a letter from their son, Corporal R. E. Gunther of the U. S. Naval Intelligence Service, that he is now stationed at the Marine Barracks at Quantico, Virginia, having arrived there on Sunday, Dec. 10, on November 27. He is attending school there.

Emerson Heads Patrol
Ted Emerson has a squad of 30 men in his blackout patrol. These are all busy men, and the community owes them a vote of thanks for their sacrifice of time and comfort in the cause of national defense.

Mrs. Ben Stark, and Ben Jr. and daughter June of Cathlamet, Wash., were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. George Bosley.

Experiences of Pacific Voyage Related by Hillsboro Visitor

Alfred V. Roberts, valuations engineer with the public utilities commission of Hawaii at Honolulu, was on the Matson passenger vessel S. S. Lurline on the Pacific ocean on a vacation trip to visit his wife and daughter at Hillsboro when Japan attacked Pearl Harbor December 7.

He arrived safely at the E. N. Crockett home here where Mrs. Roberts and daughter Carolyn have been visiting since August. They plan to return to Hawaii in January if possible.

The following are notes from Mr. Roberts' diary written after news of Japan's attack had reached the ship. The Lurline left Honolulu at noon on Friday, December 5, and arrived at San Francisco on December 10 at 8:30 a. m.

Sunday, December 7, p. m.—The deck is shaking so violently, I have difficulty writing. Yesterday, one could detect no vibration. The engines are wide open. We are leaving the trade routes at top speed, losing ourselves in the great ocean desert. The news of Japan's treachery filtered through quietly this morning. My first intimation was seeing crew members swiftly painting-out portholes—blue outside, black inside. It makes a complete blackout, even against sunlight. I immediately hurried down to the lounge for news. But the radio, of course, had already been disconnected. There is some danger, of course; more, I think, than most passengers realize. Anyway, it has added a thrill to the trip—no dullness aboard now!

Just came up from lunch—all passengers are requested to be present in the first class lounge to hear an announcement by the captain at 2 p. m. The ship was fully blacked out amazingly quickly. Officers appear very serious. Passengers have been required to turn in all portable radios. Smoking on deck is strictly forbidden after dark. We will receive no news now until we dock. Rumor has it we will reach port a day ahead of schedule. The sea is calm as a mill-pond. As I write, chairs in smoke-room are being lashed to tables. Reason: "In case ship takes sudden list!" Besides blackout, lights in passageways are painted blue. All is very dark. How glorious the stars look under blackout conditions!

6:30 p. m.—Captain's announcement quite serious. Pearl Harbor bombing confirmed. Passengers told not to be ashamed to carry life-preservers. Only two single globes burning in smoking-room. Very dismal. Plan to sleep tonight, mostly dressed, with overcoat and preserver within reach. This seems a wise precaution.

Monday, a. m.—Things are quite grim. We have only one defense—speed. We are wide open and completely blacked out. We change course frequently. Last night a three-quarters moon made our white ship stand out like a sore thumb. I shared continuous watch until 2:30 a. m. Several violators of blackout edict taken to captain. Many passengers slept on deck in chairs all night with life-preservers beside them. Also in lounge and smoking-room. Ship very dark to get around. Spirits are high; thumbs definitely up. Blue "V's" in blackout paint are scattered all over ship. A spy was arrested on board last night with transmitting set. Are there any more? We wonder? It all adds to our anxiety. Am falling asleep as I write; not had breakfast yet—second sifter.

Tuesday, a. m.—On lookout duty all last night—8 p. m. to 6:30 a. m. this morning. Have just shaved, washed up and changed—waiting for breakfast. An anxious night—much clear, bright moonlight. And our white hull! Received word about midnight of enemy plane activity at San Francisco. Instructed to watch sky as well as horizon. We are anxious—but quite fatalistic. Our immediate anxiety is to reach daylight—afloat. Then we speculate as to our chances to get through tomorrow "Tuesday." We have no defense against planes. We feel certain a submarine will be lying for us off the Gate? Received confidences of officers last night: the Matson freighter we passed Saturday noon, was torpedoed Sunday forenoon. Another freighter, between us and San Francisco, also torpedoed at the same time. Had fully expected to be met by destroyer; but officer informed me they have nothing available to send. It puts the job squarely up to us; we must rely solely upon a keen lookout—and our speed. We are rated at 22 knots; have been making 24 to 26 under forced system. No violators of smoking last night.

Wednesday, a. m.—Last night was, of course, a zero hour. Caught faint reflection of San Francisco at about 6:45 p. m. It is about 10 points to port. Very faint. Perhaps some 130 miles distant. We all feel the climax is at hand? We are creeping stealthily, at reduced speed, towards the California coast. We appear to be steering for a point about 40 or 50 miles south of San Francisco. Illumination in smoke-room reduced to one globe only. Likewise in lounge. Passengers are all ordered off deck. They don't like it. It is a rather vital safeguard against smokers. Caught one just before they were ordered off. Perhaps this is why they are ordered off? The whole atmosphere

Beaverton Seal Sale Over Top; Cheer Drive Set

BEAVERTON—Beaverton's seal sale drive has gone considerably "over the top" according to Mrs. M. C. McKereher, local seal sale chairman. A total of \$243.87 was reported by the evening of December 15, which is considerably ahead of last year's receipts. First to respond was A. C. Jakobsen of route 2, and second was Mrs. E. H. Bergin, also of route 2.

Personnel Given
Personnel of the annual high variety show for this season has been announced as Kenny Erickson, and Glenna Fieskes, baton twirling; Marjorie Junor, Bob Barnes, Marta Wells, Thelma Culen, Don Hagg, and Alfred Boyles, vocal solos; Verna and Wilma Kurtz, vocal duet; Marjorie Junor, Kathryn Thompson and Merianne Strauss, vocal trio; Pat Mitchell, piano; Ida Felscher, pianologue; Oleta Wright, violin; Doris Noel, clarinet; and Wilbur Janssen and Jeanette Schultz, accordions.

Dance Scheduled
A fire squad dance has been set for December 23, when the boys will entertain their classmates in a Merry-Christmas dance.

Cheer Drive Planned
Also scheduled for school activities is the annual Christmas cheer drive which is to start December 19 and to continue to December 23; and a savings stamp drive which will be supervised by Leonard Adams, local sales chairman.

Defense Bond Sales
Are \$12,700 in Day
The biggest defense sales day so far at the Commercial National bank was reported by Earle A. Bowman, cashier, Friday. Sales totaled \$12,700, mostly in small bonds.

Hillsboro High to Have Christmas Program Sunday

Hillsboro union high school will present its annual Christmas program Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the school auditorium with the public invited to attend.

A short Christmas Cantata, "The Birth of Christ," featuring Robert Peters, Lloyd Pearson, with Betty Alexander as soloist and Miss Eleanor Hayes, accompanist, is scheduled.

Singing of Christmas carols, and numbers by the Hilhi choir and the girls' chorus are other numbers on the program.

Two Lives Taken In Traffic Mishaps

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ter of Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Abendroth.

The body was shipped Monday to Pattonsburg, Missouri, by Coronet F. J. Sewell, and services are planned for Thursday (today) at Coffey, Missouri. Mrs. Abendroth went east to attend the funeral.

Dusack, who had worked at Manning for about a year and a half, was struck by a car driven by E. L. Bell, according to officers. The body was thrown several yards by the impact and badly crushed. The driver was not held and Coroner Sewell took charge of the body.

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Person Returns From Trip East

J. M. Person, manager of the Washington Federal Savings and Loan association in Hillsboro, returned home Monday from Miami, Florida, where he attended the annual convention of the United States Savings and Loan associations, December 1 to 5.

Person left Hillsboro November 22, making the trip by train. He also made a side trip to Havana, Cuba, with convention members. Person was on the convention's membership committee.

Under discussion at the association's meeting was the question of priorities and the problem of whether homes should be constructed

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Defense Officials Request Volunteer

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of Commerce rooms Friday night. County Chairman C. T. Richardson and County Coordinator Leen S. Davis reported on the progress of defense organization and expressed their appreciation of the fine cooperation extended in every quarter.

It was pointed out that hundreds are needed for the various kinds of work such as police, firemen, aircraft observers, etc., and so that the work will not become too great a burden on anyone.

Blackout and civil defense orders from the army command as given over Portland radio stations apply to Washington county municipalities and rural communities. It is an emergency to protect general welfare that blackout observance be as complete on farms as in places of business and homes in the towns and cities. Police have instructions to see that lights are turned off when ordered by the army interceptor command and they point out that it should not be necessary to call anyone's attention to such need.

Authority Extended
Council executive committee consisting of Richardson, Davis, Judge H. D. Kirkman, Mayor W. W. Woodbridge and Hugh McGilvra was given authority to continue to act on behalf of the entire county whenever necessary.

Nurses Needed
Dr. F. T. Burke has issued a call for additional graduate nurses to assist in the medical division. Seventy nurses, he said, have already registered for civil defense work.

An increase in the regular Forest Grove fire department from 21 to 25 was announced by Mayor L. B. Drake. A reserve force of 25 firemen will also be set up, Mayor Drake said.

Hillsboro Knights of Pythias have offered the use of their rooms to the defense council for defense activities. Lions club members have also offered to give their services in a body.

A suggestion has been made that women workers might give assistance in the defense program in one instance by serving hot coffee to defense police aircraft observers and wardens during periods of a blackout.

Henry Young Speaks At Portland Meet

Henry H. Young of Hillsboro spoke before a dinner meeting of the Northwest Oregon Funeral Directors in Portland Monday night. Mr. Young recently returned from a three months' visit with relatives in Canada.

State President J. B. Hollingsworth reported a conference with Governor Sprague and that he had notified all members of the state association to register themselves and their auto equipment immediately with Oregon Civil Reserves and to be ready for any call for service in national defense.

Election of 1942 officers was postponed until after January 1.

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WITCH HAZEL—Ray Humble, son of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Humble, is stationed in Manila with the marines. No word has been received from him since the war broke out.

Birthday Celebrated
Mrs. Mark Jones entertained Saturday afternoon with a birthday party in honor of her daughter Joyce on her seventh birthday. The little guests were Dolores Fuller, Joan Suzee, Robert Hoefel, David Frisby, Raymond and Ardeth Frewing, Wilma and Norma Ready, Albert Cherry, Dale and Charlene Christiansen and Mary Jo Pollard. Joyce received many gifts.

Gaston Boy Lost In Pacific War
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in 1939. An uncle, Beverly Davis, also lives in the Thatcher district. Mrs. Jake Weil received word last week that her brother, Philip Silver, and family whom the Weils visited in Honolulu last summer, were all safe following the Japanese bombing attack.

Mrs. Harry Kluegle, sister of C. T. Richardson, has notified her brother and family that they came through the raid with no injuries. Harlan Stuart, who was employed at the local Carnation plant at one time, is an ensign in the navy air corps at Midway Island, while John Norman West, a nephew of Mrs. Richardson, is on a navy bomber at Honolulu.

Mrs. Dwight Sellers is awaiting word of her grandson, Lt. Robert Startzell, who is with the navy in the Pacific.

Communities Give "Blackout" Help
LAUREL—The "blackouts" in this section were very satisfactory with everyone willing and anxious to do their part any way, according to F. L. Brown, defense deputy for this section.

KINTON—Roy Bierly, air raid warden for Kinton, said the community was cooperating 100 per cent. He volunteers lined up for any emergency.

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