

Club Activities

THE Hebrew school conducted in connection with the work of the Neighborhood House in South Portland, is one of the most interesting and unusual of the many activities of this well known community center. In April of last year the school, which has existed for several years, was reorganized for a graded study of the pure Hebrew, and Hebrew scholars maintain that the language translated loses much of its spirit; then too it is regarded as the most foreign by the Hebrew people and the primary object of the school is to better teach Jewish religion and to enable the children to read the Jewish scriptures.

The demand for a Hebrew school came first from the parents, who regret to see their children growing up with no knowledge of the holy tongue. As a result of the reorganization of the school more than 125 Jewish children are now learning the language in classes which meet directly at the close of the public school. C. A. Press, a Hebrew scholar, is in charge of the school and he has several assistants in the several classes being conducted in the few hours intervening between the close of school and evening.

The classes present an interesting picture, the little boys and the younger wearing their hats, according to true orthodox custom and the little girls puckering their foreheads over the queer characters which confront them in their text books. However, they enjoy it and learn very rapidly and within a marvelous short time to read and write. There are five classes of children and one class of adults; the latter finds the school very helpful after having fallen into the Yiddish dialect, which is not Hebrew, but is a corruption of a native language, it may be German or Russian.

"The Hebrew schools of New York have a large enrollment; they are conducted by the Jewish extension of the New York bureau of education," said Mr. Press in discussing the movement to teach Jewish children their own language. "Such education is looked upon with favor for many reasons: It brings the children and their parents closer together and that is a big problem in this country; American ideas and ideals are quickly grasped by the young people. The old people cling to their native ways and then come the breach. The moral tone of Hebrew literature is such that a study of it cannot other than be the finest lesson in morality, but of course the primary purpose is the teaching of religion. If the child is to be taught the tenets of the Jewish faith, he must have Hebrew as the first lesson in the school, and the children of the school conduct a religious service in Hebrew, one acting as reader and the responses being given by the other children. Tuesday evening entertainment with a playlet and songs all done in Hebrew. A feature of the evening was the presentation of a silver loving cup to Miss Ida Neiswanger, president of the Neighborhood House, the beautiful token of affection having been purchased by the pennies and dimes of the children.

Newberg Women Organized.—The ladies of North Main street in Newberg have organized a club and the North Main St. Improvement club. The club has various objects in view, among them being the making of the district more attractive to buyers and renters, the study of the growth of the practice of "neighboring" with old-fashioned kindness and new-fashioned efficiency, etc. The whole trend of the work is toward the "Newberg First" as a slogan. Mrs. B. F. Bixby was elected president. The members of the committee are Mrs. J. A. Willard, Mrs. Hulm, Mrs. L. Nye, Mrs. T. Jones, Mrs. D. Kaufman, Mrs. Bradley, Mrs. Kennedy and Mrs. Moffatt. The next meeting of the club will be held at the home of Mrs. L. Nye.

Llewellyn Association Meets.—The Llewellyn Parent-Teacher association met yesterday afternoon. On account of the busy season the attendance was not large. Miss Margaret Wood, school librarian, spoke on children's reading. A vocalist and a violinist from the Monday Musical club gave delightful numbers. The study of the growth of "Christmas Day in the Morning." The reports of the committee showed good work done in the various departments.

Lavender Club Meets.—Branch 11 of the Lavender club held a meeting yesterday in Central library. On account of the busy holiday season the attendance was not as large as usual. Mrs. E. H. Johnson was elected treasurer. A social afternoon will be the next meeting of the club will be held January 12 in room 4 of Central library, at which time there will be a program and refreshments. Mrs. Ida E. Neiswanger, president.

FRATERNAL NOTES

Minerva Chapter, O. E. S., Elects and Installs Officers in St. Johns.—The Minerva chapter No. 10 of the Order of the Eastern Star, of St. Johns, last Tuesday night elected and installed officers. Mrs. Ruby Ray Davis, past worthy matron, installed, assisted by Mrs. Marcia Romig, past matron. The following are the new officers: Mrs. Myrtle Weeks, worthy matron; Marion Johnston, worthy patron; Mrs. Diddmar Day, associate matron; Mrs. Ella E. Grindock, secretary; Mrs. Mary Carroll, treasurer; Miss Dixie Lewis, conductress; Mrs. Catherine Stephens, associate conductress; Mrs. Zella Stone, chaplain; Mrs. Mary Carroll, marshal; Mrs. Grace Rogers, organist.

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BY VELLA WINNER



Mrs. Ida Neiswanger, president of Lavender club, Branch 11.

Christmas Spirit Pervades Art Exhibit Creche of Nativity Central Idea

By Barbara McLoney.
The distinctively spiritual aspect of the Christmas festival appears in the exhibit now on view at the Portland Art Museum. The central feature of the exhibit is a small creche representing the nativity, modeled in clay and painted by students of the art school. A copy of Massaccio's "Adoration of the Magi" was the inspiration of the creche, and in their modeling and coloring of the holy family, the worshipful inmates of the manger and the three kings and their horses and attendants, the students have caught the naive yet has characterized the creche as a simple, communal expression of worship in the churches. Old pieces of brocade drape the little stage, white tapers burn on either side, and above hangs a Fra Angelico group of angels.
Elsewhere on the walls are hung the art association's rare collection of Arundel prints of Perugini, Andrea del Sarto, Van Dyke and many others of the 15th century painters, who expressed so much of exalted religious devotion in their work, and yet could never resist translating their love of the colorful world into elaborately decorated altars and rich priestly robes. Several other madonnas lend their old-world grace to the exhibit, among them the rarely seen "Madonnas of the Candies" of Michael Angelo. Many churchly relics placed about the walls and in cases have been loaned—a bit of illuminated missal in a heavily carved frame, and old brocades and miniatures and ivory coats.
Decorated panels of Milton's "Hymn on the Morning of Christ's Nativity," done by Frank DuMont for the Century magazine some years ago, express in word and picture the spirit of joyous worship which Miss Crocker and her assistants have sought to portray in the whole exhibit. On the afternoon of December 23, 28, and 30, and on New Year's day Miss Henrietta Felling will give Christmas talks, especially to the children, illustrated by slides from the old masters. Miss Felling has been particularly interested in the arrangement of the exhibit, and others who have assisted by loaning appropriate objects of art are Mrs. George Good, Mrs. George T. Willet, Mrs. James W. Cook, Mrs. Helen Ladd Corbett, Mrs. William Woodward, Miss May Felling and Bishop Sumner.

Miss Aida Overstreet, Adah: Mrs. Flora Moxon, Ruth; Mrs. Minnie Thurston, Esther; Mrs. Stella Lewis, Electra; Mrs. Elizabeth O. Rogers, warrior; Charles L. B. Moore, sentinel.
After the close of the session refreshments were served by the committee, and a social time enjoyed by all.

Royal Arch Elected Officers.—Portland chapter, Royal Arch Masons, met last night and elected the following officers: A. Lester Anderson, excellent high priest; J. T. Hotchkiss, king; J. E. E. Buckingham, scribe; D. G. Tomasi, treasurer; W. P. Andrus, secretary; R. C. Bell, principal secretary; Henry Bush, royal arch captain; J. H. Bristol, master third veil; Henry Fletcher, master second veil; P. Kilbourne, sentinel. Donald Mackay, past grand high priest, installed the officers.

Special Grand Encampment Session.—The special session of the grand encampment of Oregon, I. O. O. F., will be held in Central library on Friday, Sixth and Alder, and will be attended by the grand patriarch, Earl A. Williams, and other grand officers. The grand encampment degree will be conferred upon a number of past chief patriarchs.

Double Session Held.—Mount Tabor lodge No. 42, A. F. & A. M., held a double session in the M. M. degree yesterday with a lunch served at 6 p. m. between the two sessions. The last degree work to be conferred by the officers of 1916. Joseph C. Henkle was in the master's chair, J. S. Roark, senior warden; E. L. Minar, junior warden; Earl H. Schrader, marshal.
Will Entertain.—Kirkpatrick council, Knights and Ladies of the Garter, will hold an open social meeting tomorrow night for the reception and entertainment of friends and members. An address has been made for a special Christmas and annual holiday social on Friday, December 29. The social affairs of Kirkpatrick council are the best attended night in the main hall of its building.
Turkeys for Widows.—Multnomah camp, W. O. W., has decided to give a Christmas turkey to the widows of all members who have died during the past year, 21 in number. The turkeys will be distributed next Saturday.

District Deputy Meeting.—Linnton tent, Macabees, has a good claim for the state banner for membership in 1916. It had 45 members at the beginning of the year and 110 now, with seven more to be taken in next Tuesday. George A. Graves, district deputy, has been invited to the tent to get this done, and has met with loyal support from the membership. He is now working for Rockwood tent, which is to have a special class on January 6, with the degree team from Mount Tabor tent of this city to confer the work.
Multnomah Concert Friday Night.—The Christmas concert of Multnomah camp, W. O. W., will be held tomorrow night in the main hall of its building on East Sixth and East Alder streets. E. Maldwin Evans, director, has been to considerable effort to secure a program that will be attractive and entertaining. Miss Marjorie Bennett, Arthur Sullivan and Charles McNeill will sing. Members and their families are invited. Seats will be furnished as long as they last.

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Play Is Screen Masterpiece.
"THE WHARF RAT," with Mae Marsh in the leading role, is the major feature at the Columbia theatre. In addition there is a splendid comedy entitled "Two Small Town Romances" and one of the most cunning animal pictures ever exhibited. This is called "Bobby B." and depicts a cub a few months old lumbering around in everything, sitting on chairs, poking his nose here and there in a most ridiculous way, and in a picture district completes the bill.

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