

DENVER PASTOR TO JAZZ CONGREGATION TO HEAVEN, HE SAYS

Preacher Would Wake Up Church Members by Having Negro Band as Feature.

Denver, Colo., Dec. 20.—(L. N. S.)—Rev. G. D. Lackland, pastor of Grace Methodist Episcopal church here, is going to "jazz his congregation to heaven." The minister announced today that at tomorrow's services he will have a negro jazz band draped in front of the pulpit and the congregation may have all the jazzing it desires.

Declaring that "slow, mournful church music is obsolete," the pastor has decided to wake up members of his church by installing the jazz orchestra as a regular Sunday feature.

"The whole French nation was awakened by jazz music," he said, "so why not use it to wake up the church? If we give them music with pep, a punch, and some kick, they will be in a more receptive mood to appreciate the blessings of religion."

"Christ was no monk," continued the Rev. Lackland. "He fraternized with the common people and indulged in their customs. The churches are no better than Christ, and as everyone loves jazz music, why not please the multitude?"

Burglar Recaptured At Centralia; Relates False Army Stories

Centralia, Wash., Dec. 20.—Claude Wright told a plausible story of service in the army, his journey overseas, his battles in France and how he was wounded and details of his discharge from the army and efforts to reach his home in Spokane. Superintendent Horn in Centralia and lodged in jail overnight.

Wright and L. R. Darrah tried to escape from the school Thursday night, tackling one of the boys who was doing guard duty, striking him in the face and knocking him down. The guard held on to Darrah, but Wright made his getaway. Superintendent Horn was released when Wright appeared in court.

Wright was taken before the American Legion inquiry board and on the face of the story he told was about to be released when Superintendent Horn arrived. Horn took him back to the school.

Wright and Darrah were committed to the jail following their arrest on a charge of burglary.

Legion Post Formed At White Salmon

White Salmon, Dec. 20.—Evan Childs, post 87, American Legion, was formed here following a banquet served by the Legion at the home of Justice Cadric Miller of Vancouver was the speaker. The following officers were elected: C. T. Dewey, commander; Warren Irwin, vice commander; Ray Cook, finance officer; Russ Peck, adjutant; J. Eakin, historian; Ralph Woodruff, chaplain. The post was named for Evan Childs, the one White Salmon boy who fell in battle.

Leaves for Oxford

Frank C. Flint, who has been assistant to the pastor of the First Unitarian church for the past four months, leaves this week for Oxford university, pursuant to his appointment as a Rhodes scholar.

PYTHIAN CHANCELLOR PAYS HILLSBORO VISIT; 36 PAGES INITIATED

Pythians From Several Cities Join in Doing High Honor to Charles S. Davis.

Hillsboro, Dec. 20.—Supreme Chancellor Charles S. Davis, Knights of Pythias, made Hillsboro's Phoenix lodge an official visit Friday night. Two hundred and fifty Pythians attended from Hillsboro, North Plains, Cornelius, Forest Grove, McMinnville and Yamhill. A class of 36 pages was initiated.

The supreme chancellor was dined at the Washington hotel upon his arrival and at the close of the session a cafeteria luncheon was served in the Pythian club room. He delivered an address, replete with Americanism, loyalty to the flag, the duties and exactions of fellowship and the value of friendship in its last analysis. He was given a tremendous ovation.

R. Frank Peters presided at the session. John E. Baker, for 25 years a Pythian, administered the obligation and Dr. C. T. Halms delivered the lesson on rank. Grand Keeper of Records and Seals

Walter Glasson, Vice Chancellor Clark, Grand Prelate Belagh, Supreme Representative Frank S. Grant and East Supreme Representative Emil Waldman accompanied the supreme chancellor.

The supreme officer goes from here to California, where he will make a special visit to Sacramento, San Francisco and Los Angeles before returning to his home in Denver.

Stunt Is Planned To Make Farmers' Week 'Mixer' Gay

Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis, Dec. 20.—The "mixer" assembly to be held Monday evening of farmer's week, December 25, is expected to be one of the most popular entertainment features of the annual gathering of farmers and home-makers. The "mixer" committee, under Professor E. B. Fitts, is arranging a stunt intended to provoke amusement and interest—a contest in oratory. The state has been divided into seven regional districts and those in attendance will be grouped according to district to choose their speakers to tell of the attractions of their respective regions. The person who paints the best word picture will receive a prize. A program of speeches and music is being prepared in addition.

GREETERS TO PLAY SANTA CLAUS THIS CHRISTMAS SEASON

Baskets of Good Things to Be Sent to Families Benefit in Centralia.

The Greeters club, at a banquet held at the Portland hotel Tuesday night, settled many of the difficulties that are now confronting Portland.

The Greeters also pledged themselves to go the limit in assisting the poor on Christmas day. Twelve families who are unable to provide the Christmas cheer for themselves will receive baskets and donations from these Good Samaritans. The families are large ones, too, most of them, with children ranging from 1 to 13 years.

In one there is a membership of seven. A committee of the Greeters will investigate their most pressing needs and make up shopping lists accordingly.

At last night's meeting a basket was opened up to be left open until December 25, when the contents will be sent to those families who were left destitute by the recent L. W. W. disaster in Centralia.

The officers appointed last night were

G. O. Manderson, president; Al Holcomb, first vice president; C. V. Tangwall, second vice president; Ray W. Clark, secretary; Al Pierce, treasurer, and E. Newman, sergeant-at-arms.

Another banquet will be given about the middle of next January, at which time the new officials will be installed.

Motor Transport Unit Head Arrives

Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis, Dec. 20.—The new head of the college motor transport unit, First Lieutenant L. H. Spooner, has arrived from Fort Meigs, Washington, D. C. Members of the corps have been given infantry drills, but next term will have actual experience in handling the expensive equipment provided by the war department. The corps now has a membership of 99 men.

Boilermakers at The Dalles Opposed to Cummins Rail Bill

The Dalles, Dec. 20.—Boilermakers' union No. 611 of this city has protested emphatically to Senators Chamberlain and McNary and Congressman Smith concerning the passage of the Cummins bill, at the same time supporting the Sims bill calling for the extension of the government control of railroads for two more years. The local takes exception to the clause in the Cummins bill opposing strikes.

That the extreme cold of the past two weeks has killed many peach and apricot trees in Wasco county is the assertion of County Agricultural Agent Finhart. He says many tons of potatoes were frozen.

The following officers were elected by The Dalles chapter No. 6, Royal Arch Masons: E. C. Clauson, high

Fifty "Baby" Knights of Pythias were initiated Friday night by the local lodge before Charles S. Davis of Denver, national supreme chancellor of the order. Davis said the aim of the Pythians was to assist in stamping out Bolshevism and advocated America for Americans.

80th Anniversary Of Birth Celebrated

Roseburg, Dec. 20.—One of the most enjoyable occasions in the Riddle vicinity for some time was the celebration of the eightieth birthday of G. W. Riddle at his home. Riddle has held many public offices during his 50 years residence in Douglas county. He served as a member of the Oregon legislature and as county judge. He is a member of the G. A. R. and was one of the most successful business men in the county until he retired.

Coal Production Is Making High Record

Washington, Dec. 20.—(L. N. S.)—Coal production on December 18 was 1,684,550 tons, or 97 per cent of the high record production made during October. The railroad administration announced this afternoon.



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