

SOCIETY

BY MOLLY BRUNK

THE annual homecoming of the Salem high school will take place this afternoon in the school auditorium, with members of the alumni present from both Salem and out of town. Among the speakers on the afternoon program, which will be held at 2 o'clock, will be Dr. F. L. Uter, and Victor Bradson, a U. of O. man, both of whom are graduates of the high school. Christmas readings and features will be put on by the public speaking department of the school and the day will culminate with the annual basketball game, the high school quintet playing the alumni.

The Valley-View club, recently formed by the women of the Mountain View and contingent district, for the purpose of inspiring a more active social life and for the betterment of neighborhood conditions generally, met Tuesday afternoon at the residence of Mrs. M. C. Schwarz for a special session, at which time action was taken to extend help to the needy at this season, and also to aid in the European relief work.

Mrs. Fred Gibson is president of the club, which has regular meeting dates on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month. The next regular meeting has been set for January 13 with Mrs. Frank Wilson, a watch party on New Year's eve to intervene, with husbands of members present. This affair will be held at the residence of Mrs. J. F. Smart. Club members are Mrs. W. H. Moon, Mrs. Bernham Southwick, Mrs. Gene Southwick, Mrs. Ross Clark, Mrs. Fred Gibson, Mrs. William Knower, Mrs. Frank Wilson, Mrs. Robert Adams, Mrs. M. C. Schwarz, Mrs. Roberts, Mrs. W. H. Fisher, Mrs. Ralph Martin, Mrs. Roy McDowell, Mrs. Guy McDowell and Mrs. J. F. Smart.

Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Barr are leaving for Newport after Christmas, where they are to open their summer home for a week or longer. The Barrs will extend gracious hospitality during their sojourn there, entertaining a number of house guests, including some from Salem.

Mrs. L. J. Chapin will entertain as her Christmas guests her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Muscott, of Dallas, her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Muscott of Portland, and her sister, Miss Jennie Muscott, also of Portland who will arrive Christmas eve.

Mrs. A. C. Bohrnstedt has a group of Willamette university girls with her as her house guests during the holiday vacation, including Miss Irene Pratt, Miss Faye Pratt, whose home is in Huntington, Ore., Miss Helen McIntire and Miss Myrtle Mason.

On Christmas day the party will be augmented by Mr. and Mrs. John U. Plank and Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Litchfield of Macleay.

Throughout the afternoon and evening Tuesday, interested folk thronged the handsome new building of Vick Brothers automobile headquarters on South High street and for their pleasure a splendid program of varied numbers was arranged. The speakers of the afternoon and evening were Dr. B. L. Steeves, W. R. Armitage, president of the Albany Chamber of Commerce, and A. C. Schmidt, president of the First National bank of Albany. Soloists were Mrs. W. H. Prunk, Albert Eagan, A. George Armitage and A. C. "Biddie" Bishop. Mrs. Mary Tallmadge Hendrick was heard in violin numbers and Elbert LaChelle gave piano solos, and the following pupils of Mrs. R. L. White were presented in costume dances: Leona Geer, Peanette Sykes, Fay Wasson, Maxine Glover, Gweneth Edwards and Maxine Clark.

Hunt's orchestra furnished music during the two periods, and later in the evening played for dancing.

Mrs. O. A. LaCourse and her small daughter Catherine Estelle will leave for Portland today, where they will remain over the holidays with Mrs. LaCourse's parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Bynon. Mr. LaCourse will join them over Christmas day.

Rev. and Mrs. Blaine E. Kirkpatrick opened the parsonage of the First Methodist church Tuesday night to the members of the Epworth league and junior league who found themselves in Salem during the holiday vacation. Nearly 60 young folk were present, and for their pleasure an informal program of entertainment was arranged.

Over 100 were present at the celebration ceremonies Tuesday night in the First Congregational church, when the 300th anniversary of the landing of the Pilgrims was commemorated. Dr. W. T. McElveen, pastor of the First Congregational church of Portland, made the principal address of the evening, another speaker being Dean George H. Alden of Willamette university, who is a direct descendant of John Alden.

A 6 o'clock supper was served, and appropriate music furnished during the evening by the choir.

Miss Lucille Emmons arrived home last night from Albany where she is assisting in instruction in piano, of the music department of Albany college. She will remain until after New Year's with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Emmons, who will also be joined over Christmas day by their son, Carl Emmons, a sophomore in the medical department of the University of Oregon, in Portland.

Dr. and Mrs. F. H. Thompson will be joined tomorrow by the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Emmel, and their sons, Wilfred and Teddy Emmel, all of Portland; Roy Emmel of O. A. C., and Harold Emmel of Willamette, who will remain over the Christmas week-end.

The Thompsons will also have with them over Christmas, Dr. and Mrs. G. G. Forbes and their children, Jean and Stuart, also of Portland.

Officers elected for the Royal Neighbors of America are: Oracle, Sarah Peterson; vice-oracle, Mary Ackerman; chancellor, Margaret Ackerman; recorder, Melissa Peterson; receiver, Anna M. Bennett; marshal, Vera Magee; inner sentry, Viola Barton; outer sentry, Nellie Pierce; managers, Annie Matten and Kate Schott; examining physicians, Dr. Mary Rowland, William Mott.

At their next meeting, December 23, the Royal Neighbors will have a Christmas tree and program to which the Modern Woodmen and their families are invited, everyone to bring a present and receive one.

The Knights of Pythias and the Pythian Sisters gave a joint Christmas entertainment in their hall in the McCormack building, Tuesday evening, to which a number of friends of members of both organizations were invited. An interesting program, and the distribution of gifts to each person present, was followed by dancing and "500." About 100 were in attendance.

The general committee was headed by Mrs. T. W. Davies, and assisting her was Mrs. George Terwilliger, in charge of decorations and the program; Mrs. C. E. Barbour presiding officer; Mrs. G. W. Skeels and Mrs. Edward Angel.

A Christmas program of much interest has been prepared for Saturday evening at the First Methodist church, to which the public will be cordially invited. Mrs. Ronald Glover has been named to take charge of the program which will begin at half past seven o'clock, and will be divided into three parts.

The first part will include a selection by the orchestra; invocation by Rev. Thomas Acheson. Primary department—recitation, Isabelle Moorehouse; song, "The Angel's Song, One Starry Night, Song, "Christ Was Once a Little Boy."

The second part will be: Junior department—violin solo by Elroy Maxwell; "Trimming of the Christmas Tree," junior department; Selection by girls' quartet; col-

lections for relief in Europe; selection by orchestra. The senior department will give the third part of the program, under the supervision of Mrs. Glover. There will be a scripture lesson by Rev. Blaine Kirkpatrick; reading, "How soon Martin, the Trapper, Kept His Christmas," by W. H. Murray, read by Miss Lulu Rosamonde Walton.

Finale—Ladies' chorus, Christmas Carol, "Holy Night" by Franz Gruber, under direction of Miss Lucille Barton. Benediction by President Carl Gregg Downey; selection by orchestra.

An elaborate and well planned program is to be given Christmas eve at 8 o'clock at the Evangelical church, Seventeenth and Chemeketa streets. A special feature of the program is the story of the "Bird's Christmas Carol," written by Kate Douglas Wiggin. This play is to be dramatized by the young people and is in charge of Lois Miles and Elsie Lippold.

Interspersing the program will be numbers by the choir and quartet under the direction of Franklin B. Launer. Mrs. Frank Strausbaugh at the piano and Franklin Launer at the organ.

The members of the primary class will also take part in recitations and songs. Another important feature is the pantomime of "Why the Chimney Rang." The story will be told by Franklin Launer and acted out by the junior and primary classes, assisted by a mixed quartet composed of Mildred Lewis, soprano; Elsie Lippold, alto; Mr. Leech, tenor; Frank Strausbaugh, bass. The public is very cordially invited to attend this program.

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I knew that she was an intensely nervous child, had been so from birth. And the strangeness of her upbringing, her separation from her mother, her father's indifference, her loneliness, save for the feeble grandmother whom she adored—but who couldn't take proper care of her—had thwarted her chances for normal, healthy childhood.

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