Society

By DORRIS SIKES

CLOTHING, toys, dolls of any description and any other small article that would serve to brighten a child's life are to be asked of the people of Salem and Marion county by the Near East relief committee next Wednesday, which has been designated Bundle day. Mrs. W. C. Kantner has been made chairman for Marion county and she has a corps of workers in all of the different communities surrounding Salem.

Approximately one million people, a large number of them children, constitute the company whose cry for help for even the bare necessities has reached America. The need for clothing, warm, serviceable clothing for growing children, and for their parents as well, is being emphasized by the Near East relief organization and it is this that has prompted the special appeal for May 24.

But clothes alone will not relieve the suffering in Armenia for the suffering is not only physical but mental, and there are thousands of children whose lives would be relieved of the lingering horrors of harrowing experiences through which they have lived during the past few years.

Especially is the plea for toys and playthings an opportunity for the school children of America to help their little brothers and sisters across the sea. Books, toys, blocks, paper dolls, kindergarten material, stuffed dolls, cutouts and anything that delights the heart of a child are asked by the committee to make happy the thousands of children who are suffering from the scenes of war and death, hunger and cold.

Each pastor in Salem will announce the appeal from his pulpit on Sunday and the children are to be asked to help in each school. Bundles should be securely wrapped and if they are not sent in to headquarters to J. J. Handsaker, Stock Exchange, Portland, Or., should be left at Kafoury Bros., in this city, on Wednesday or soon after.

The relief ship will sail from the Pacific coast about June 10, so that all articles should reach Portland not later than June 3 to insure careful packing, assembling and sorting.

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Pupils of the blind school had the pleasure on Monday night of hearing a program of musical numbers played by Mrs. Wilbur S. Mead of Buffalo, N. Y., who has been visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Barham on D street. Mrs. Mead is a talented pianist and those who heard her on Monday night enjoyed her playing very much. She played under the auspices of the institution's committee of the Woman's club.

Her program included:

Prelude in G Minor, Rachmaninoff.
Nocturne in F, Chopin.
Butterfly, Merkel.
Erotik, Grieg.
Cradle Song, Mildenberg.
Novelette, Schumann.
Etude, Heller.

Mr. and Mrs. Mead are visiting in the west with a possible view to locating some place on the coast. They are undecided yet as to a definite location.

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Mrs. D. D. Tompkins was a charming hostess on Wednesday evening when she honored her nephew George E. Brown with a birthday dinner. The table was most attractive with a centerpiece of yellow and white spring blossoms.

Mrs. Tompkins was assisted in serving by Mrs. O. W. Moon. The color scheme of yellow and white was carried out in hand-painted place cards, flower decorations and candles. Covers were laid for nine. Those present were: Mr. George E. Brown, Miss Beverly Swart, Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Brown, Mr and Mrs. H. S. Swart, Mrs. O. W. Moon, and Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Tompkins.

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The Women's auxiliary of St. Paul's Episcopal church will meet at 2:30 o'clock this afternoon at the home of Mrs. James Walton at 1077 Center street.

Rehearsals have been completed on the comic operetta "Jack and the Baked Bean Stalk" which the glee club of Washington junior high school will give in the senior high school auditorium tonight. The cast for the operetta which is directed by Eula S. Creech, includes:

Jask.....Keith Draper
Princess Belle-a-Belle.....Frances Tucker
The Little Old Lady who is really a fairy....Viola Hoover
The Little Black Dwarf.....Cecil Edwards

Attendants on the princess: Marie Arnold, Helen Bowne, Fae Bunn, Lucille Burton, Mildred Gilbert, Anna Grimm, Marie Haven, Jean Hobson, Ruth Lattin, Vera McCune, Pearl Mee, Berenice Mulvey, Iris Page, Helen Pettyjohn, Doris Phoenici, Lola Riggin, Lola Schultz, Grace Stevens, Gertrude Williams, Ella Wolfe, Lora York.

Jack's comrades—Arlie Anderson, Grant Livock, Homer Bray, Glenn Daughtery, Kenneth Davis, Donald Fleming, Clifford Hulsey, Benoit McCroskey, Raymond Olson, Burton Randall, Paul Royston, Wayne Godhunter, Quincy Weddle.

Piano, Eugenia Savage.
Violin, Leonard Chadwick.

GIVING SPIRIT IS COMMENDED

Residence Districts to Be Invaded Today in Nursery Home Drive

OLCOTT BOYS TO HELP

Three Small Sons of Governor Will Sell Tags on Streets Saturday

A wonderful spirit of giving is being shown by the people of Salem, according to Mrs. John J. Roberts, chairman for Salem of the Albertina Kerr nursery fund drive, and Mrs. R. L. Russell, campaign manager, who is here from Portland to assist with the drive. The greater part of the soliciting so far has been done in the business district, but starting this afternoon and tomorrow the residence district will be invaded for the special "dollar drive."

One of the largest contributions to be made will be that of the People's Cash store, the proprietors of which have promised 1 per cent of the entire cash receipts on Saturday to the drive. This is in addition to a previous large contribution.

Among those who are going to help sell tags in the downtown district tomorrow are the three small sons of Governor and Mrs. Ben W. Olcott, Chester, Richard and Gordon Olcott, and Mildred Roberts, the small daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John J. Roberts. There will also be a large number of high school girls in addition to the women who have been giving their services for the greater part of the week.

A poem which expresses the plea of the Oregon waif and which was written by Janet M. Pendgast, follows:

PLEA OF THE OREGON WAIF

I've been born under the Stars and Stripes,
In the land of the Brave and Free;
But I haven't a place to lay my head,
Won't somebody care about ME?

The people all over this wonderful land
Have heard foreign babies' plea;
They have given in millions, and we'll they could,
But shouldn't they care about ME?

There are beautiful buildings of stone and brick,
For grown-up's use you see,
But there isn't a Home we can call our own,
For poor little waifs like ME.

In fire-trap buildings we're huddled in stores,
The last place on earth we should be;
So stop for a moment and think of your own,
American babies like ME.

We're a Home in construction, that isn't complete,
They need more across the sea;
So we've had to stand back, as we've done so long
American chaps like ME.

You've given and given, you're deeper in debt from drives,
Sick of them sick as can be;
But tell me, my friend, when you check up your books,
HOW MUCH HAVE YOU GIVEN FOR ME?

Burt Estate Increased By Hoff's Objections

Repeated objections made by O. P. Hoff, state treasurer, to the valuation placed upon Oregon property in the estate of the late Wellington R. Burt, who died in Michigan in 1919, has resulted in an increase of about 500 per cent in the inheritance tax that will be due the state over the amount originally reported.

After Burt's death a representative of the estate reported a valuation of $73,190 on the Oregon property, which would have meant a tax of $344.70. Hoff objected to this, and received a second report placing the valuation at $129,175. This would have meant a tax of $880.53 for the state. Hoff again objected and by stipulation the valuation has now been increased to $180,000 and the inheritance tax to the state will be $1497.27.

INVITATION SENT

TOLEDO, O., May 18.—The Toledo Produce Exchange through its officers and directors today telegraphed President Gretlin of the Chicago Board of Trade an open invitation to move the board to Toledo.

STATE MONEYS ARE INVESTED

Total of $151 Put Into School District Securities Yesterday

A total of $151,000 in state funds was invested by the state bond commission yesterday in school district securities. Of this amount $75,000 was placed through dealers and $76,000 purchased direct from the districts. All net 6 per cent except Tillamook bonds, which bring par less one-fourth of 1 per cent, and two Klamath county purchases which bring par less one-half of 1 per cent.

The investments were as follows:

District 137, Douglas county, $3000; district 61, Umatilla county, $4000; district 54, Columbia county, $4800; district 18, Deschutes county, $500; district 44, Wallowa county, $2000; district 14, Lake county, $40,000; district 77, Marion county, $10,500; district 8, Douglas county, $7000; district 18, Coos county, $5000; Union High school district, Jefferson county, $3000; district 19, Lane county, $32,000; district 31, Tillamook county, $9000; Union High school district No. 1, Klamath county, $9000; district 53, Klamath county, $22,000.

The last five investments named were through dealers.

Children's Toys Wanted For Near East Shipment

Oregon children are being asked by the Near East relief organization to turn over to the organization their discarded toys for the suffering children of China and the Near East. J. A. Churchill, state superintendent of schools, has sent a letter to the county superintndents of the state notifying them of the movement.

The toys are to be forwarded to the Near East organization in each county. It is said there is a vital need for the toys among the children of the Near East who, after passing through the harrowing experiences of famine, need toys to brighten their lives.