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SOCIETY

With Christmas little more than a week distant, Salem folks are devoting more than a little time to planning and carrying out projects for the holiday time. From the Salvation Army's bell, which reminds all who pass that the "time for giving is here," the crowded stores and the holiday bazaars to the college boys and girls thronging home for the happy holiday time, all are Christmas almost as much as Christmas morn itself and are a part of that joyous time.

Willamette university will not close for the holidays until December 22, but both the Oregon Agricultural college and the Uni-

will present the "Birds Christmas Carol" at the state tuberculosis hospital Christmas eve, while next Sunday, December 18, all Girl Reserves in the city will take part in a vesper service at the First Methodist church.

A program of Christmas stories will be given by the Salem Arts league next Tuesday in the library. Dr. Carl Gregg Doney will tell an original Christmas story and Miss Flora Case will tell the story of Materlinck's Blue Bird.

Various other organizations are planning Christmas parties and baskets of cheer and gifts of material things and others will be added to the list from day to day as the happy time draws nearer.

The college dance to be given next Tuesday by the Salem O. A. C. club, honoring the Salem high school seniors, will be even better than previous years, according to those in charge.

The presence of the college students will be the occasion of numerous social affairs during the coming two weeks. Various pretty Christmas costumes will be carried out this year. The Sibley corps of the Girl Reserves of Washington Junior high school

Christmas Seals Finance Fight Against T. B. by Education; Buy These Flags of Cheer, Aid the Cause

His only son lay ill and with- out proper care, yet he must leave him while he went out to earn the money to provide a few of the things needed for the loved one. Work was scarce at most times but this was state fair time and work was plentiful— but, oh, how he dreaded to leave his boy.

No mother or sister was there to give the woman's touch to the lonely boy who had grown ill so gradually that neither he nor his father realized how serious it was. Kind neighbors lived around, but they were afraid, came seldom, stayed but a short time, and then went away.

Then one day the health nurse, stationed in Marion county for a demonstration of what the public health nurse does, heard of the boy and came with a physician. Then the heartbroken father had learned for the first time that his son had tuberculosis in a very advanced stage.

The nurse said there was not room then for the boy at the state "San," but realizing the father's need of work, and how he disliked to leave his son, she told

him to go on to work and she would stay with the boy.

While this quiet, cheerful woman could do little to relieve the boy, yet she made life so much more cheerful and the bare little rooms so clean and fresh that life could not help being worth while to this lonely sufferer. The father felt better, too, when he came home at night to find the house "readied up," and his boy so much happier.

This father and son will always bless the public health nurse, the woman who helped them in a time of need, and made it possible for the boy to be admitted to the sanatorium.

The Christmas seals, those tiny flags of good wishes and good health, make possible the fight against this great white plague, T. B. When you invest in Christmas seals, you not only spread the gospel of good health and good cheer, but you finance an educational campaign for the prevention of this disease which took 679 lives in Oregon last year and reduced the efficiency of so many more.

Buy the Christmas seals!

Mrs. Gertrude West, manager. The Royal Neighbors were entertained by the Woodmen Monday evening at the Woodmen's hall.

CLUB CALENDAR

- Today P. E. O.'s with Mrs. F. W. Seese, Liberty road and Hansen avenue.
- Women's Auxiliary, American legion with Mrs. Walter Kirk, 540 Mill street; election of officers.

MY HEART AND MY HUSBAND

Adele Yarrison's New Phase of REVELATIONS OF A WIFE

CHAPTER 245

WHAT MADGE READ IN LILLIAN'S SEEMINGLY IDLE WORDS.

"Oh, mother! oh, Auntie Madge! Grandpa Spencer has promised to take me fishing, out in a great, big boat, if you'll only let me, won't you?"

Marion ran up the steps of the screened veranda, dripping from her morning plunge into the bay. She was fairly dancin' up and down in her excitement. Behind her my father, who had followed more leisurely, was smiling at her fond indulgence, yet with a sheepish smile upon his face which Lillian promptly and mischievously interpreted.

"There's the real culprit, Madge," she said, "so you've caught the fever at last." She addressed him with simulated sternness, "and are making me innocent cheerid the shield for your folly."

Marion giggled appreciatively. She is used to her mother's badinage and does not often take it seriously.

"I'll admit that those men out there are getting my goat," my father admitted with what was for him a surprising use of slang. "They seem to be pulling in fish almost all of the time. I'd like to get into the game before they get all the fish out of the bay."

"They're certainly persistent," Lillian said idly, looking out to the bay. An inflection in her voice caught my attention, so used am I to every intonation of my friend.

I recalled that she had spent much time watching the two boats with the persistent fishermen to whom my father had referred, and realized also, for the first time, that there might be something unusual in the fact of the same two boats occupying about the same positions relative to each other for three consecutive days. They were anchored in the middle of the bay, too far from us for anything save the figures of the men to be distinguished, and at a similarly long distance from each other.

Persistent Fishermen.

As I looked back over the three days, much of which I had spent in luxurious and needed rest upon the veranda couch I realized that one boat evidently had been keeping out of the way of the other. The boat nearest to us had more than once started in the direction of the other one, and the second had promptly pulled up anchor and chugged farther away, to come back to its original position later when the first boat was safely out of the way.

We had commented upon this fact with lazy mirth, knowing the childish jealousy of fishermen, wondering why the occupants of the first boat had not stood on their "fishermen's rights" and warned the others from their favorite grounds. But the inflection of Lillian's voice had conveyed to me for the first time a possible answer to the question, although one so ridiculous, so bizarre, that I persuaded myself almost in-

stantly that I was mistaken, and turned my attention to my father, who, I saw with surprise, was also looking intently not at the distant boats, but at Lillian's face.

Why Field Glasses?

Without turning her head, although I was sure that she was aware of our scrutiny, she asked casually:

"Who is going to row you?"

"A sturdy daughter of the boy, Mrs. Ticer," my father responded, "and her son, Jerry. They live about half a mile from here, own a good boat, and are very glad to make a little money by taking out fishing parties. Do you girls want to come along?"

"What do you say, Madge?" Lillian's voice was so casual, her face so devoid of any unusual expression as she turned to me that I scored my imagination for its folly in suspecting that she saw anything worthy of watching in the manoeuvres of the two boats.



The average person who tries to "kill two birds with one stone," doesn't hit either one of them. It strikes us that a dentist who did not insist on asking a patient a lot of questions when his mouth is full of instruments ought to make a big hit in this town.—L. change.

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