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CHURCH ELECTS NEW OFFICERS

First Evangelical Congregation Preparing Budget For Coming Year

Members of the board of stewards of the First Evangelical church are preparing the budget for 1924 and making plans for the coming campaign, it was announced at the annual homecoming event Thursday night.

J. F. Ulrich was elected superintendent of the Sunday school with Mrs. George Siefarth as assistant. C. T. Doty was named trustee for three years; Class leaders elected were F. A. Myers and G. R. Stover, with Mrs. George Siefarth and C. T. Doty as assistants.

New Drug Firm in Salem Has Unique Beginning

Perhaps no other business in Salem was founded upon a series of coincidents more than the Nelson and Hunt drug store, which will open in the Adolph & Waters building, Liberty and Court, this morning.

They were total strangers to each other until they met in San Francisco shortly after each had enlisted in the navy. For several months they were together, and being transferred to the eastern coast. Here they became separated, duty taking them along different paths.

Five years ago George W. Nelson went to work for the Capital Drug store. Two years ago J. H. Hunt returned to Salem and happened to find his old buddy here, and also found employment at the same drug store.

The firm claims to be 100 percent for the American legion, both belonging to Capitol Post No. 9. They intend to establish a precedent in the city by placing an American legion emblem in a conspicuous place in their display windows.

New Feature Enters Into Irrigation Pact

A new feature of an agreement between the state irrigation securities commission and the Jordan Valley irrigation district is that the state requires a project manager who will be appointed by the state engineer with the approval of the commission, at a salary not to exceed \$3600 a year.

tives that if they will authorize the sale of \$400,000 and bring in a new contract the state will approve the bonds.

MY MARRIAGE PROBLEMS

Adelle Garrison's New Phase of REVELATIONS OF A WIFE

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CHAPTER 49

WHAT SMITH TRIED TO DO

Dicky's apparent absorption in Bess Dean gave me the chance I wished to fling another tiny barb at the man named Smith, who had been so insistent that the state troopers put us under arrest for the wounding of the young trooper.

"I mean," I answered, looking him squarely in the eyes, "exactly what I said—that I would like to know your own whereabouts during this evening."

I expected anything but a direct answer to my question. That he would push me aside, call to the troop captain to remove me—these things I was prepared for.

I only counted on keeping his attention until I was ready to slip into the car, thus preventing the scene I knew he was prepared to make. But the thing he did surprised me. He snapped his fingers toward the rotund little inn proprietor, and as the man obsequiously hurried toward him, he said between his teeth:

"I have been in this house since before dark this evening, dined here. Kronish tell this woman when I came here tonight, and how long I have been here."

"Since before dark. You dined here," the man replied in parrot fashion.

I looked around, saw that the men carrying the unconscious trooper had reached the car and stepped back with a little mocking bow to both men.

"I congratulate you upon your drilling," I said audaciously, then turned and walked swiftly to our car.

"Who is to drive?" Capt. Hastings asked, as I came up.

"I Demand the Arrest!"

Before that glance I had had of Dicky and Bess Dean, I would have deferred to him, asking if he wished to drive. But my jangled nerves demanded the cutlet of driving. Besides, I had an eerie little feeling that there was something beneath this whole attack upon the trooper which Lillian would wish me to investigate as far as possible.

"I will drive," I said promptly. "I drove the car down here."

Behind me I heard the tense breathing, the snarling tones of the man named Smith.

"Hastings, I demand the arrest of this woman!"

By the flush on the young officer's face I saw that Smith had over-reached himself. As "great man" of the region he had managed to instill a certain deference into the mind of Hastings, but it vanished at this blunt interference.

"Your request is absurd, sir," Hastings returned. "You have no

evidence. These people have rendered every aid to us. They summoned a physician before I got here. In every way they have acted the part of Samaritans instead of assassins. Besides, we're wasting time. Get in, please, Mrs.—Graham, I believe."

A Threat.

He bowed to me charmingly and courteously, and I climbed into the driver's seat of the car. Mr. Cosgrove and two state troopers were holding the stretcher in the tonneau level, and two others were perched upon the running boards. The seat beside me was vacant, and I guessed that the young captain was to take it.

"You ——— young fool!" A string of oaths came from Smith's lips. "I'll—"

"You stand out of my way or I'll knock you down," Hastings declared hotly. "I've stood about all I care to from you. We're playing with death listening to you. All ready, Mrs. Graham?"

"Yes," I turned my switch key, speaking to Dicky and Bess Dean as I did so. They had come to the side of the car next me when I entered it, and I felt that they were watching me curiously.

"Where will you be when Mr. Cosgrove and I get back?" I asked.

"Right here," Dicky replied, unless they chase us out. Otherwise we'll be strolling down the

road in the general direction of home, or stopping at the reservoir gate. Pipe Smith!"

He uttered the last two words in a whisper, and I turned my head to see Smith's face fairly distorted with rage, his arm raised in denunciatory protest at Hastings, who had climbed into the car.

"So-o?" He had drawn the monosyllable interminably. "You have forgotten your superior officer, Mr. Hastings, I think. Be assured I shall get into communication with him at Kingston at once, and then we will see where you will land!"

That he had drawn blood I saw by the change in young Hastings's face. But he had good stuff in him, and his reply was like the report of a revolver.

"Communicate and be damned! Pardon, Mrs. Graham. Let's go."

But it was no part of my plan that Smith should make trouble at Kingston. With a swift movement I undid the badge Lillian had given me and held it so that Capt. Hastings could see it.

"Advise the gentleman to look at that before he telephones," I said crisply.

(To be continued)

Christmas to Be Observed At State Penitentiary

There will be no splurge at the state penitentiary Christmas day this year, though Warden A. M. Dalrymple will make every effort

to have the dining room decorated with seasonal suggestions and make things as cheerful as possible. The annual custom of them, will be observed. day men will begin to gather necessary evergreens for decorating. Any presents received from friends and relatives will be presented to them, the tree, provided the nature of the gift is suitable.

The prison will not spend money for entertainment, the Warden Dalrymple is willing anyone having anything in line be welcomed to present the inmates.

The world is now divided into two classes: Those who play

—and those who have to lead endless stories of how well others do it.

Advertisement for Cascara Bromide Quinine Tablets, featuring a portrait of a man and text describing the medicine's benefits for colds and pneumonia.

THEATRES MOVIES

Bligh—Four acts vaudeville, Wm. Desmond in "McGuire of the Mounted."

A screen play filled with dramatic action, thrills and human interest is offered at the Bligh theater today where William Desmond is being starred in his latest Universal attraction, "McGuire of the Mounted."

It is a story of border life in northwest Canada, woven around the adventures of Bob McGuire, of the Royal Northwest Mounted police service.

The story has its setting in the picturesque country of the northland, where there is little attention paid to conventional laws and where the refugees from the law of two continents "mush" along the same trails.

It is a type of play particularly adaptable to the romantic star, whose dashing personality has

Advertisement for Capital Bargain House & Junk Co., offering high cash prices for junk and second hand goods.

Advertisement for Salem Bargain House, offering hardware, furniture, and junk at the highest prices.

Advertisement for Capital Hardware & Furniture Co., offering furniture and tools at best prices.

Advertisement for Bligh Theatre, featuring vaudeville acts and musical comedy.

Plans Being Made for National Thrift Week

Plans for observance of national thrift week, January 17 to 24, were discussed by representatives of 15 organizations in the city who met at the YMCA Friday noon.

Louise Lorraine, the pretty little heroine of many Universal chapter plays and western features is charming in the role of Juneau Monte, the daughter of the French-Canadian trader.

A new four act vaudeville road show opens at the Bligh theater headed by the "Mel O Dee Saxophone Four." They will be here for two days opening today.

Poultry Men Attend Meeting at Auburn Hall

Problems of poultry feeding, poultry diseases and culling of flocks were discussed at a poultry meeting at the Auburn Community club last night.

The meeting was well attended by commercial poultry men from Salem and vicinity. An informal discussion followed Professor Fox's talk.

40 and 8 Initiates Five Candidates at Silverton

SILVERTON, Dec. 14.—Five candidates were initiated by 40 & 8 Vulture 153 here tonight. E. M. Page of Salem was one of the candidates and the others were Archie H. Thomas, E. A. Sewell, Lester G. McDonald and Carl R. Mosier, all of Silverton.

The initiation ceremonies were preceded by a box car parade of more than 30 Salem and Dallas members of the organization of over seas veterans.

Turner Student Elected To Coveted Fraternity

OREGON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, Corvallis, Dec. 14.—Glen Miller of Turner, senior in civil engineering, has been pledged to Lambda Phi Lambda, honorary fraternity in engineering. Miller will be initiated next week.

Membership to Lambda Phi Lambda is obtained by invitation only and is based on a high scholastic standing in courses pursued in college, good moral character, and an expressed interest in the engineering profession.

Advertisement for Liberty Theatre, featuring the play 'The Fair Cheat' by Dorothy MacKail and Wilfred Lytell.

Advertisement for Oregon Theatre, featuring the play 'Ruggles of Red Gap' by James Cruze.

Advertisement for Grand Theatre, featuring the play 'The Third Alarm' with Percy Marmon and Johnny Walker.

Advertisement for Bligh Theatre, featuring vaudeville acts and musical comedy.