

SUNDAY SCHOOL GIVES PAGEANT

"Seekers of the Christ" Presented at First Methodist Church

An unusual Christmas pageant, "Seekers of the Christ," was presented at a packed church by the Sunday school of the First Methodist church Sunday night. The pageant was prepared and directed by Miss Mary Findley, and was divided into two parts—the Beth-

lehem seekers of the Christ, and the seekers of the Christ today. Those appearing in the pageant were in costume. The pageant develops rapidly, beginning with the bewilderment of a rabbi and his family over the news that they have heard. The shepherds pay the rabbi a visit, after which he tells of the Wise Men, as it had been reported to him at the palace of Herod. The star appears suddenly and at the same time as the Wise Men, who make their report. They are taken to the manger where they beheld the Christ child in adoration, and a servant, Joel, is finally convinced.

In the second part of the pageant the spirit of Christianity is personified, while universal groups of the world are found still to be seeking Christ. These come, and

each shares in the blessings given them by Christianity.

Music was scattered throughout the pageant, with solos by E. D. Barton and Herbert Hobson. Several selections were given by a quartet. The choir was invisible, having been placed behind a bank of evergreens. Preceding the pageant Prof. T. S. Roberts gave several organ selections. There were nearly 50 persons in the cast, with Dr. C. E. Powell taking the lead in the first part and Miss Minna Harding of Willamette university leading in the second part.

Following the pageant an opportunity was given for gifts to the Japan earthquake fund, in response to a call of the bishops to the church. Friendship rolls brought by the Sunday school classes amounted to \$483, while the Sunday collection of the Epworth league brought the total amount that will be forwarded to \$560. Neri Yamauchi, Japanese student at Willamette, represented his nation and was asked officially to receive the gift. He gave an impromptu address, voicing appreciation upon behalf of his country.

The Jason Lee and the Leslie Methodist churches contributed \$125 towards the rebuilding fund of the Methodist church in Japan. The entire Christmas offering taken at the Center street Methodist church, amounting to \$102, will be sent to the board of foreign missions in New York, where it will be to the underfed and starving children in Central Europe. Another offering will be taken in January for Japanese relief purposes.

Alta M. Moxley, of Bull Run, was a visitor in Salem Monday. Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Sargent, of Willamette, were in the city recently.

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having no number at all. We moved west to the contiguous block and found numbers from 1550 downward. Finally, after many fearful inquiries, by switching to the north side of block "18," and crossing a bridge that spanned a racing canal, we found the desired number on a rather attractive bungalow occupying the very geographical center of the wrong block.

We asked a native to tell us if he could tell why this promiscuous system of numbering houses, and his only answer was that the same were projected from a gun that scattered like a Belgian musket. It seems to me the idiotic work must have been done before Oregon went dry. It gives a sober man the delirium tremens now.

Salem is an attractive city, even in the rainy season. All its public buildings except the postoffice are constructed of a marvelously clean appearing granite that gives the impression of having been painted white. The abutting streets are wide, the lawns a luxuriant green and no lack of evergreen trees make the state house and all its environs a picture good for sore eyes.

Besides the state house and the federal temple of justice, Salem has the state penitentiary, hospital for the insane, school for the deaf and blind, separate industrial schools for boys and girls, an institution for the education of aborigines, home for the feeble-minded, and a hospital for those afflicted with tuberculosis. It also has a general hospital sustained by the voluntary contributions of those interested in that appealing form of philanthropy.

Industrially, Salem has one saw mill, seven canning factories, a packing house and no end of politics. Here is where the legislature meets every two years to muss up the statutes same as is done in Nebraska. Here the governor lives at least during his term of office. The state has no mansion for his accommodation, and consequently escapes an appropriation for the maintenance of the same. I have heard some complimentary things about the present governor, Walter Pierce, but will not repeat them in this letter. I suspect he is neither better nor worse than other governors, but none of these professional politicians interest me half as much as ordinary people, who are more interested in being good than in fooling their neighbors.

Today, if the weather behaves, Cousin Fred and Ada will take us about where we can see the most that is to be seen of Salem and get a glimpse of the Willamette valley, the greatest agricultural and fruit-growing region of Oregon.

Although I like the boundless west and have for rain no kicks, I think I like Nebraska best; I'm coming back there. —BIX.

ENGLISH CELEBRATE YULETIDE SEASON

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6,011 cars to handle Saturday's outbound travel alone. Fully another million passed through the Pennsylvania terminal to trains of that line and the Long Island railroad; to spend the holidays with the homefolks.

Postmaster Morgan said this year's Christmas mail was fully

10 per cent greater than last year's. He also said that fully \$1,060,000 in outgoing money orders had been purchased in the last four days.

Washington Quiet WASHINGTON, Dec. 24. Christmas in Washington finds governmental activities almost entirely suspended, and President and Mrs. Coolidge participating actively in the capital's observance of the holiday.

The chief executive himself formally started the city's observance at 5 o'clock this evening by turning a switch which lighted thousands of lights on the big national Christmas tree erected on the Ellipse directly south of the White House.

Later the president and Mrs. Coolidge threw open the gates of the White House grounds for thousands to gather there to sing Christmas carols. The Coolidges tomorrow will attend a union Christmas service of the city's churches.

Activities in the government department ceased at noon, cabinet members will not return to their offices until Wednesday morning.

CHRISTMAS CAROLS SUNG BY CHORUSES

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ed the Salvationists in loading baskets, wrapping packages and delivering, working at all hours. Materials left over at the army hall will be used during the winter for poor relief.

At the armory last night the Salvation army gave its annual Christmas tree when confections and gifts were distributed.

Merry Christmas is in indeed, if the thousands of people who were to be seen on the streets the latter part of the previous week and Monday are indicative of purchases, and merchants give assurance that such is the case.

Stores were filled yesterday, many a shopper coming down early in an effort to select some gift for an almost forgotten person or to make a last minute purchase for the Christmas dinner today. Many local firms added additional salespeople to an already increased holiday force. And a

SAGE TEA TURNS GRAY HAIR DARK

It's Grandmother's Recipe to Bring Back Color and Lustre to Hair

That beautiful, even shade of dark, glossy hair can only be had by brewing a mixture of Sage Tea and Sulphur. Your hair is your charm. It makes or mars the face. When it fades, turns gray or streaked, just an application of two of Sage and Sulphur enhances its appearance a hundred-fold.

Don't bother to prepare the mixture, you can get this famous old recipe improved by the addition of other ingredients at a small cost, all ready for use. It is called Wyeth's Sage and Sulphur Compound. This can always be depended upon to bring back the natural color and lustre of your hair.

Everybody uses "Wyeth's" Sage and Sulphur Compound now because it darkens so naturally and evenly that nobody can tell it has been applied. You simply dampen a sponge or soft brush with it and draw this through the hair, taking one small strand at a time; by morning the gray hair has disappeared, and after another application it becomes beautifully dark and appears glossy and lustrous.—Adv.

A Merry Christmas

Wm. Gahlsdorf
The Store of Housewares

DAMON'S Weekly Limericks

Here's one by Mrs. Robert E. Leigh, 1983 State St.

Jingle Bells, Jingle Bells,
Jingle all the way,
Down to Damon's Grocery Store,
To buy without delay,
Bargains then you'll surely find,
With goods and prices right;
Groceries, meat, 'n everything
Clean and fresh and bright.
Jingle Bells, Jingle Bells,
Jingle all the way—
Let Damon's store supply your needs
For this Merry Christmas Day.

Mrs. Leigh gets a sack of Fisher's Blend Flour for writing the above. Everybody is fond of telling about "the kind mother used to make." In fact, anything that mother made, from mince pies to biscuits, was an incomparable joy. The wise mother will erect a monument in the minds of her children, when she makes her bread, biscuits and pastry with Fisher's Blend Flour, the cleanest, sweetest, most nutritious flour manufactured. When you order next time try a sack.

This add will wind up the Limerick advertising for the present.

We take this occasion to wish you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year and to thank you all for the interest you have taken in the contest.

Here's some stuff by "Joe" who runs the meat market:

Listen to this Jingle,
If you follow its advice,
You'll have a Jingle in your pocket,
Now wouldn't that be nice.

Oh! Yes! We forgot to tell you that our annual clearance sale has been running 3 days. It would be advisable for you to lay in a supply of groceries while we have things marked down so low.

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