

## CHEER FUND HELPS 100 POOR FAMILIES

Salvation Army Does Big Work With Money and Clothing Given

Approximately 100 families have already been benefited by the Christmas cheer fund and supply of clothing and food supported by the Salvation Army and the Oregon Statesman. Clothing and shoes have been distributed at the Salvation Army headquarters and the distribution will be kept up until after Christmas.

This year's Christmas work of the Salvation Army far surpasses that of any previous year, according to Dr. B. F. Pond, chairman of the Salvation Army advisory committee. The cooperation received and number of families aided are both greater than ever before.

"Too much cannot be said for the kindhearted Salem residents who are outdoing themselves in thinking and acting for other people at this Christmas season," Dr. Pond stated.

"The Salvation Army headquarters is being besieged by people

seeking to do something for the poor of the city. Among them are clubs, local church societies, and many groups of young people.

"On behalf of the Salvation Army I wish to take this opportunity to thank all those who are helping us."

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## SENATE DROPS OREGON SLUSH FUND CHARGES

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admission that Woods had nothing to do with expenditures of campaign funds and a request that the senate withhold judgment on the case until after the commerce committee investigation.

The report declared its record of campaign was complete, as it forced closing the hearings before the reports were filed. In addition to Pennsylvania, the committee reported that the charges investigated in the senatorial primaries of Oregon, Missouri and Washington were discovered to be without foundation. It was particularly specific in the report on the Missouri inquiry, in which Chairman Reed was charged with bias, declaring that the charges not being proved, should be disregarded in toto.

Commenting on the Oregon investigation, the committee declared that charges were not proved that the Portland Electric Power company had paid \$35,000 to the Portland Oregonian for opposing Senator Stanfield.

## BLIGH'S CAPITOL THEATRE

It's a Wow!  
Annual  
New Years Midnight  
Frolic

Complete N. Y. Vaudeville  
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## HUGE CHRISTMAS PARTY IS PLANNED

Elks and Salvation Army Preparing Big Celebration for Poor Children

The Elks-Salvation Army are ready to go in one of the biggest Christmas tree movements ever put on by these two organizations. Provision has been made to take care of 300 children.

R. E. Eakin, heading the Elks committee with R. B. Boise, Robert Cole, and Ensign Pitt of the Salvation Army, have had their heads together for the past two weeks, thinking up ways and means of making this the merriest Christmas of all to Salem's young citizens.

Today Mrs. Pitt and Robert Cole of the Elks committee, made a purchase of toys running into several hundreds of dollars. At army headquarters a score of workers spent the day in filling Christmas baskets and 300 special made bags with candy, nuts etc.

The big program at the Armory Friday night will be headed by the Cooke Patton. A number of local Elks will be on the program and a chimney with Santa Claus will also be featured. It is expected that the Elks band will be on hand to dispense music for the occasion and arrangements have been made for a score or more of Big Brother Elks to help handle the crowd.

Ensign Pitt is leaving no stone unturned that this Armory Christmas affair be one of the best and most systematic of its kind ever held. At the tree held last year under the same system 300 children were cared for in one hour. The doors will be open at 8:30 and the general public are cordially invited to attend.

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## HIGHWAY BOARD SEEKS FREE SPAN OVER RIVER

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but that to do so it would be necessary to levy a tax on the property of Multnomah county to take care of the outstanding bonds. As the taxpayers of Mult-

nomah county voted for the bridge on the understanding that the tolls would pay for the bridge, Mr. Smith declared that, personally, he would oppose wishing off this expense on the taxpayers.

Aside from the bridge conference, the main part of the day was devoted to hearing delegations from several parts of the state. Josephine county asked that the road to the Oregon caves be widened, as part of the highway is now too narrow to handle the traffic during the summer.

Lake county was promised that in 1927 the commission will advertise for construction of 10 miles north of Paisley, reaching to White Hill.

After a month's deliberation, the commission decided that the best location for the Springfield bridge across the Willamette river is on Main street of that city.

A request from Crook county to complete the road from Bear valley to a connection with the central Oregon highway was taken under consideration. The distance is 14 miles. No action was taken, pending further investigation of a request to construct the central Oregon highway from Burns to the east line of Harney county.

Only one contract was awarded today, this for the grading of 10.69 miles of the Redwood highway from Hayes Hill to Shattuck Creek. The job went to Washburn and Hall for \$119,590.

A proposal was made to illuminate the main highways of the state for \$50 a month per mile, but the advocates of the plan were advised that the idea was premature.

Mr. Used Car Buyer: Have you seen the real buys at the Capitol Motors Incorporated? See Biddy Bishop, 350 N. High St. Telephone 2125 and 2126. (\*)

## Autos Collide, Report Fracture of Man's Skull

Gilbert Dyck of Garibaldi received a fractured skull late yesterday in an automobile accident at Commercial and Center streets. The car in which he was riding, driven by C. A. Dyck of Garibaldi, collided with one driven by E. L. Fenaer, 594 North Commercial street, according to reports turned in at police headquarters.

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## MURDER STILL UNSOLVED

Father of Dead Man Asks That Body Be Shipped to Iowa

HOOD RIVER, Dec. 22.—(AP)—The murder of Ray F. Peper, Mount Hood wood chopper, who was shot to death last night at his isolated ranch cabin as he went to the door in answer to a knock, tonight remained unsolved.

Ralph Peper, father of the dead man, wired today asking that the body be sent to his home at

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Charles City, Iowa. Peper came to Mount Hood from Edmondton, Alberta.

J. P. Williams, 55, who was said by neighbors to have had trouble with the Peper family, was found at St. Helens today. Suspicions that he might have had knowledge of the slaying were quieted when it was declared he had been in St. Helens at the time Peper was killed at Mount Hood. Williams will be brought here, however, for questioning by the district attorney.

## Former Salem Pioneer Woman Dies in Seattle

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 22.—(AP)—Mrs. Mary Eva McComb, a pioneer of the Pacific northwest, died here today.

She was born in Salem, Ore., in 1861, came to Seattle in 1876, and married Charles M. McComb in Port Townsend in 1881. Survivors include two sisters.

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Wagons  
Scooters  
Kiddie Kars  
Steam Engines Erectors  
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Boats  
Sand Toys  
Trucks  
Autos  
Dishes

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